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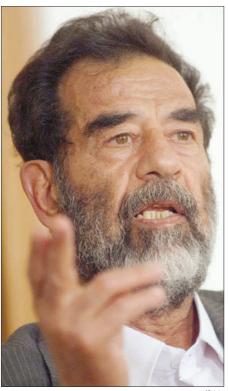
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# Saddam defiant in court

Iraqis watching proceedings express mixed feelings Page 3



Above: In this image cleared by the U.S. military, former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appears in a courtroom at Camp Victory, a former Saddam palace, on the outskirts of Baghdad on Thursday. Throughout the hearing, Saddam continued to refer to himself as the president of Iraq and refused to sign paperwork without his lawyer Right: Iraqis in a Baghdad electronics store watch Saddam speak at his hearing. citizens said they felt uneasy and were angered at the former president's attitude.

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#### States

Brain-damaged woman: An appeals court said Wednesday the parents of a woman at the center of a bitter right-to-die case may not intervene in the legal battle over a Florida state law keeping her alive.

Terri's Law," passed in October, allowed Gov. Jeb Bush to order the reinsertion of a feeding tube keeping Terri Schiavo alive. She has been in a persistent vegetative state for 14 years after collapsing from a chemical imbalance.

Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, is suing the governor to have the law overturned. Bush is defending the law and the Schindlers wanted to join him as a party to the lawsuit.

Tractor standoff: The tobacco farmer who tied up part of Washington in a 47-hour standoff in 2003 by driving his tractor into a pond on the National Mall and claiming he had a bomb may be out of jail soon.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson reduced Dwight Ware Watson's sentence on Wednesday from six years to just 16 months.

Jackson on Wednesday cited a Supreme Court ruling that came one day after last week's initial sentencing. The high court ruled that only juries — not judges — can lengthen prison terms beyond the maximum set out in state sentencing guidelines.

Laci Peterson case: Scott Peterson, on trial for the murder in Modesto, Calif., of his pregnant wife, talked incessantly about sex and never mentioned he was married, according to a woman who met him at an agriculture conference and later introduced him to his mistress

Shawn Sibley testified Wednesday that Peterson told her when they first met that he had "lost" his first love. But most of the conversation that night was about sex.

"We'd be talking about something else and he'd bring up sex," she said. "He did ask me my sexual preferences ... sexual positions ... but he was kind of joking." Sibley later introduced Peterson to his fu-

ture girlfriend, massage therapist Amber Prosecutors claim it was that affair that drove him to kill Laci Peterson.

Great White lawsuit: The lead singer of Great White, the band that was playing before a nightclub fire that killed 100 people in Rhode Island, has sued a former publicist for slander

Vocalist Jack Russell alleges that spokes person Charrie Foglio threatened to tell charity organizations associated with the 2003 blaze at The Station nightclub that the singer and his manager, Obi Steinman, were withholding money they promised for a fund set up to benefit survivors.

As of September, Great White had volun-tarily donated \$82,000 from various concerts since last July to a nonprofit organiza tion — The Station Family Fund — created to benefit victims' families and survivors of the fire in West Warwick, R.I., according to the fund's overseer, Victoria Potzin

Russell claims in the lawsuit that all of the profits from the tour went to charity, and that Foglio was claiming he kept some of the money for himself.

LAPD beating: Officers were not follow-



Space walk: Expedition 9 Commander Gennady Padalka rests under the Zarya module of the international space station during a televised spacewalk Wednesday. Padalka and fellow crewmember Mike Fincke successfully completed a riskier-than-usual spacewalk, in which they repaired a circuit breaker on one of the stations' four gyroscopes. Fincke and Padalka had to cross nearly 100 feet to get to the bad circuit breaker - a grueling distance for spacewalkers over difficult terrain. Then they had to pry off the cover for the row of circuit breakers; it was stiff and incredibly hard to move.

ing department policies during the televised June 23 arrest and beating of an unarmed black man in Los Angeles, Police Chief William Bratton said

Officer John Hatfield's kicking of Miller also was not departmental policy, Bratton told the Los Angeles City Council during a briefing Wednesday, he said. "We don't teach kicks," Bratton said.

Governor's plane: The Federal Aviation Administration has found that a civilian air traffic controller outside Washington failed to recognize a signal that would have eased concerns about Gov. Ernie Fletcher's plane flying in restricted airspace near the U.S.

The plane's presence led to an evacuation June 9 while former President Ronald Reagan's body lay in state

Fake abduction: Audrey Seiler, the University of Wisconsin-Madison student who faked her abduction, was

sentenced Thursday in Madison, Wis., to three years' probation after she pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts.

Seiler read a statement during the court hearing in which she attributed the ordeal to severe depression that caused her to act irrationally

'I'm taking care of my self now, so someday peo

ple will see I'm still a girl to be proud of," said Seiler, who withdrew from school after the widely publicized incident and is in therapy.

#### World

Madrid attacks: Lawmakers due to probe the Madrid terrorist attack summoned 13 people on Thursday - mainly police offi-- for a first round of testimony next week, leaving former government ministers for the final stage of the politically charged investigation

The panel will get down to work Tuesday with testimony from a doorman who says he saw young men carrying knapsacks toward the train station in Alcala de Henares, the town from which three of the four bombed trains had departed on March 11.

Saudi amnesty: A Saudi militant who surrendered under the royal amnesty an-nounced last week has urged his comrades to turn themselves in as well

Othman Hadi Al Maqboul al-Amri, who had been among the kingdom's most wanted men until he surrendered Monday, also said on state television Wednesday night that he regrets his past. Al-Amri had primarily been involved in smuggling weapons.

Bali bombings: Six Muslim militants thought to have played a role in the bombings of two nightclubs on the resort island of Bali and the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta have been arrested in Indonesia, police said Thursday.

National Police Chief Gen. Da' Bachtiar would not release their names but insisted they all played a central role in the attacks.

He did not say if they were members of the al-Qaida-linked regional terror group Jemaah Islamiyah, which is widely believed responsible for the bombings.

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# Saddam appears in Iraqi court

## Brazen ex-dictator calls Bush real 'criminal,' refuses to sign papers

BY HAMZA HENDAWI The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A defiant Saddam Hussein rejected accusations of war crimes and genocide in court Thursday, telling a judge in his first public appearance since his capture that the real

"criminal" was President Bush. Saddam was handcuffed when brought to the court but the shackles were removed for the 30-minute arraignment at Camp Victory, one of his former palaces on the outskirts of Baghdad.

"I am Saddam Hussein, the president of Iraq," Saddam said unprompted, sitting down in a chair facing the judge on the other side of a wooden railing. When asked his name, he repeated it in full: "Saddam Hussein al-Majid, president of Iraq."

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The appearance, broadcast on Arab satellite television stations, agave Iraqis television stations, agave Iraqis television stations, agave Iraqis television stations, by the U.S. military seven months ago. They saw a Saddam whose mood ranged from nervousness and exasperation to contempt and defiance — even flashes of anger. At times, he seemed to lecture the young judge.

Unaccompanied by a lawyer, Saddam refused to sign a list of charges against him unless he had legal counsel, and he questioned the court's inviscition

tioned the court's jurisdiction.
"Please allow me not to sign
until the lawyers are present...
Anyhow, when you take a procedure to bring me here again,
present me with all these papers
with the presence of lawyers.
Why would you behave in a manner that we might call hasty later
on?" he said.

Saddam also accused the White House of orchestrating the hear-

ing.
"You know that this is all a theater by Bush, the criminal, to help him with his campaign," he said.
The 67-wear-old Saddam and

The 67-year-old Saddam appeared most agitated when the subject came to the invasion of

Kuwait — one of the broad charges against him.

"The armed forces went to Ku-



In this image cleared by the U.S. military, former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein emphasizes a point in a courtroom at Camp Victory, a former Saddam palace, on the outskirts of Baghdad. Saddam was defiant at times, calling the proceedings "theater" and saying President Bush was the "criminal."

to raise accusations against an official figure and this figure be treated apart from the official guarantees stipulated by the constitution and the law? Where is this law upon which you are conducting investigations?

"How could Saddam be tried over Kuwait, that said it will reduce Iraqi women to 10-dinar prostitutes?" Saddam asked, referring to himself in the third person. "He defended Iraq's honor and revived its historical rights over those dogs."

At this point, the judge admonished him and said he would not tolerate such language in the courtroom.

The seven broad charges against Saddam are the killing of religious figures in 1974; gassing of Kurds in Halabia in 1988; killing the Kurdish Barzani clan in 1983; killing members of political parties in the last 30 years; the 1986-88 "Anfal" campaign of displacing Kurds; the suppression of the 1991 uprisings by Kurds and Shittes; and the 1990 invasion of Kurvait

A formal indictment with specific charges is expected later, said Salem Chalabi, director of the Iraqi Special Tribunal. Those were expected to include war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. The trial is not expected until 2005.

In Amman, Jordan, lawyers claiming to represent Saddam expressed outrage they were not at his side for the hearing.

"This is tyranny and absolute cruelty," said Ziad al-Khasawneh, who said he was hired by Saddam's wife. Saiidah.

aghdad. Saddam was defiant at the "criminal."

"How can this be called a fair trial if President Saddam Hus-

sein, may God bless him, was denied his basic right to a lawyer?" Saddam wore a charcoal-colored, pinstriped jacket with a white shirt open at the collar, and black trousers and shoes. He often stroked his trimmed, heavy bags under his eyes. He sat calmly, gesturing with his hands while addressing the court and sometimes taking notes on a piece of yellow paper.

Saddam was flown by helicopter from an undisclosed location and driven to a courtroom on a U.S. base. He was led from an armored bus escorted by two Iraqi guards and ushered through a door guarded by six more Iraqi police. The bus was escorted by four Humvees and an ambulance.

## White House says hearing beginning of Iraqi justice

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House dismissed accusations from Saddam Hussein on Thursday that President Bush was "the real criminal," and heralded Saddam's arraignment as an important step forward for Iraqis.

In a court appearance in Baghdad, Saddam rejected charges of war crimes and genocide, telling a judge "this is all theater, the real criminal is Purch".

Later in the day Bush watched a televised replay of the former Iraqi leader during Saddam's 30-minute arraignment, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan brushed off reporters' questions about Saddam's remarks, the first words heard from the former Iraqi leader in months.

"I'm sure Saddam Hussein will continue to say all sorts of things," McClellan said. "What's important is that Saddam Hussein and his regime leaders are going to face justice from the Iraqii people before an Iraqii court. This is an important step that will help the Iraqii people bring closure to the dark past of Saddam Hussein's brutal dictatorship."

Hussein's brutal dictatorship." McClellan said it would be more worthwhile to listen to Saddam's victims and their rel-

McClellan said the arraignment itself was evidence of a new Iraq. "I think what you're seeing is, from the court itself, that justice and the rule of law are part of the new Iraq," McClellan said.

## Citizens watching proceedings have mixed opinions

BY TAREK EL-TABLAWY AND NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqis gathered around televisions to watch Saddam Hussein in court Thursday, uneasy about the effects of the images on their country and in some cases angered by the control they believed he seemed to wield over the proceedings.

Some described the scene not as justice but "American propaganda."

As the former dictator appeared in court Thursday to hear charges ranging from genocide to crimes against humanity, some of the 25 million people who spent the better part of their lives under his authority voiced mixed emotions.

"This is not the time," said Mohammed Mahdi as he and several co-workers watched a small television set in a hotel lobby tuned to an Arabic language satellite station

"The country has too many other problems now that should be fixed first," Mahdi said. "What we're seeing now is nothing more than propaganda. This is for Bush's sake, for the sake of the American elections. This doesn't have anything to do with justice for Iradis."

Some refused to comment, apparently fearful even now of making statements about the former regime.

At another Baghdad hotel, a group of about 16 men glared at a television.

"Look at him. This isn't the face of a prisoner. He's running the courtroom," said one man who refused to be identified. Around him, other men nodded in agreement, with one of them adding: "That's why he was president for so long."

"With all the mass graves we deserves seen in Iraq, I think Saddam deserves capital punishment," said Sawsam Jamal, a Kurdish woman from Kirkuk, a region where the deposed leader report-edly authorized the gassing of thousands of people and the murder of thousands more.

"Saddam should be wiped out as soon as possible so that the Iraqi people can awaken from this nightmare."



Iraqis in a barber shop watch satellite television in Baghdad as former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appears during his Thursday court hearing. Some said the hearing was "American propaganda."

## **Survey: Troops returning with severe stress**

## Army study: One in six servicemembers have symptoms, but few are getting help

BY STEPHANIE NANO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The Army's first study of the mental health of American troops who fought in Iraq found that about one in six reported symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The survey also showed that less than half of those with problems sought help, mostly out of fear of being stigmatized or hurting their careers

The survey of Army and Marine combat units was conducted a few months after their return from Iraq or Afghanistan last year. Most studies of past wars' effects on mental health were done years later, making it difficult to compare the latest results with those from the Vietnam or Gulf wars, said Dr. (Col.) Charles W. Hoge, a researcher at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

Of particular concern, he said. is that troops with problems are not seeking care.

The study was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine

Once called shell shock or combat fatigue, post-traumatic stress disorder can develop after witnessing or experiencing a traumatic event. Symptoms include flashbacks, nightmares, feelings of detachment, irritability, trouble concentrating and sleepless-

Dr. Matthew J. Friedman, executive director of the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cen-

order, said it is remarkable to have the study's results available while there are still troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But he said he believes the estimates are conservative and that it may be too early to determine the extent of mental problems

"I'm not an alarmist, but I think this is a serious problem. It may be worse just because of the na ture of the war," he said, citing extended tours of duty and the change of mission from liberation to occupation.

In the study of 6,201 servicemembers, the researchers surveyed four groups: Army brigades before they went to Iraq, after six months in Afghanistan and after eight months in Iraq;

## Troops not seeking mental health care

Of the 12 percent of combat units surveyed who met the screening criteria for a mental disorder, 83 percent acknowledged they had a problem but only 29 percent had received professional help over the past year.

Perceived barriers to seeking mental health services

There would be difficulty getting My unit leadership might treat time off work for treatment. me differently. My leaders would blame me It would harm my career. 50% for the problem. 51%

59% NOTE: Of the soldiers and Marines surveyed, 731 met the criteria for major depression, generalized anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder, but not all answered every question

SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

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out anonymous questionnaires asking about their mental health 44I'm not an their use of mental health services alarmist but I and their combat

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returning troops took the survey to four three months after coming home. Only tive-duty combat troops were ques-

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post-traumatic stress disorder were reported by 16 percent to 17 percent of those who served in Iraq, 11 percent of those who were

in Afghanistan and 9 percent cated mental health disorders questioned before they left

The differences were greatest for post-traumatic stress disorder with about twice as many with PTSD after Iraq (12 percent) than Afghanistan (6 percent). Be-

and Marine battalions after six fore deployment, the rate was 5 nercent about the same as the general U.S. population.

I would be seen as weak.

The troops in Iraq saw more combat, including firefights and attacks, than those

in Afghanistan. Iraq units took part in the early fighting of the war. Studies

years after the Vietnam and Gulf wars showed the rate of post-traumatic stress disorder at the time was 15 percent for Vietnam veterans and 2 percent to 10 percent for Gulf War veterans, the research-

ers reported. In the latest study, only 38 percent to 40 percent

of those who indiwere interested in getting help, and 23 percent to 40 percent reported seeing someone for help. They cited concerns about how they would be seen by peers and potential damage to their careers.

## Survey is starting point for addressing mental health

## Services look for better ways to prepare troops for strain

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Troops surveyed after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan have indicated that the stigma of seeking counseling would keep them from doing so, said the two authors of an Army battle-stress study.

"The most important finding are the barriers to said co-author Army Col. Charles Hoge, chief of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research "Soldiers and Marines with mental health [is-

sues] don't receive help because of the stigma. Such a stigma isn't anything new, acknowledged

the other co-principal investigator, Lt. Col. Carl "Are the findings surprising? Not really. We

know, for example, that combat ... impacts soldiers. We know that from previous wars. We know there is a cultural barrier and a stigma" to seeking treatment.

But for the first time, the study puts a number to the fact, he said.

"This allows us to quantify the problem, to characterize what we are trying to address. And now, when we implement new programs, policies and procedures, we will have the numbers to assess whether they are working.

"The whole reason we're conducting the study is to address this issue. We know we're not perfect. The Army is a learning organization. We know there is a culture of stigma to mental health, and we need to find out exactly what those barriers are and what we can do as an organization to reduce or eliminate them.

The military services have several initiatives to counter perceived barriers, some related to the study and some started independently to address problems of post traumatic stress disorder, depression, suicides and other mental health concerns, Castro said

"One of the things we're doing is we're using training and education, telling the soldiers what they might experience and what to expect" on the battlefield, said Castro, who also was one of 12 mental health experts who visited Iraq and Kuwait last summer and fall.

Part of their task included investigating suicides in the field. Last year, there were 26 self-inflicted deaths in Iraq and Kuwait between April and December, with 24 in the Army and two in the Marine

Troops indicated that receiving pre-deployment education and training made them more likely to both seek out mental help, and to comfort a fellow soldiers, Castro said.

The Pentagon's health system also is boosting the number of mental health counselors and social workers at primary care facilities, embedding mental health providers on the battlefield so troops don't have to leave their units to get treatment, and conducting mandatory post-deployment health assessments, which include a mental health evaluation, though they are not anonymous

The DOD-wide program Military One Source lets members receive six free and confidential sessions with a civilian provider off-post, and thus outside of the military system and a member's chain of command, Castro said.

The programs are less than a year old and officials have no research data on its use or effectiveness as of yet, he said.

In order to keep the service confidential, participants are issued an identification number. Those needing more than the six sessions must be brought back into the military medical system, he

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■ In South Korea, the DSN number is 550-Army (550-2769) or commercial 001-800 46481077.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Wednesday 853 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 632 died as a result of hostile action and 221 died of non-

The British military has re ported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia. Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each. Since May 1, 2003, when Pres-

ident Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 715 U.S. soldiers have died — 523 as a result of hostile action and 192 of nonhostile

Since the March 2003 start of U.S. military operations in Iraq. 5.394 U.S. servicemembers have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally. The latest deaths reported by

the military:

■ No new deaths. The latest identifications reported by Pennsylvania Marine

Reserve officials:

■ Killed Tuesday by a roadside bomb in Baghdad; assigned to Bridge Company B, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Folsom,

■ Marine Sgt. Alan D. Sherman, 36, Wanamassa, N.J.

■ Marine Cpl. John Todd III, 25, Bridgeport, Pa.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Patrick Adle, 21, Belair, Md.

## No mirage: Cheerleaders in Kuwait

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN Stars and Strines

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait -A small squad of cheerleaders for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens spent more than an hour

here Wednesday entertaining troops. Servicemembers from the North Carolina National Guard's 1450th Transportation

Company, which has been in Kuwait for a little more than three months, said the visit raised their spirits. The group arrived for the show at 5 p.m. -21/2 hours before it kicked off.

"Where else have you seen cheerleaders in the desert?" Spc Bradley Oxford asked while explaining why the guardsmen arrived early for front row seats

"Fashion TV just isn't cutting it any- Airman 1st Class Mark Maliwanag, from added fellow the 891st Expeditionary Security Forc-Johnny "Irish es Squadron, is wished a happy birthday Red" Killian.

During the performance, the squad did more than dance and perform acrobatic stunts. They had volunteers perform lifts with the cheerleaders and held a push-up

contest with cheerleaders sitting on contestants' backs.

Another contest, called "lap dance," had eager volunteers, both men and women, in chairs while opposite-sex team tant had to keep eye contact and couldn't crack a smile. Prizes ranging from T-shirts to lanyards were given away in

all contests. The troupe is on a two-week tour that will hopefully take its members to Iraq and end in Oatar, according to Mark

five-year stunt team member. None of the cheerleading staff gave their last names

out of privacy con-

Mark said the Iraq portion of the trip isn't definite, but the group would like to be able entertain troops

"This is a phenomenal experience ... a life-altering experi-ence, especially for the other cheerleaders who don't have any military experience said Mark, a captain in the Maryland National Guard and company

commander of the

by the Baltimore Ravens cheerleaders. Main Support Battalion's Company B. He said 60 of his soldiers who were acti vated just returned to Maryland from Kuwait

"We just want to give them a shot in the arm and hopefully re-energize them Mark said of those watching the perfor-"We're glad we can give them a mance. change of pace and allow them to refocus. We also want to let them know that we ap

important.

Rachel, who has been on the squad for three years, said talking with troops has given her a new perspective.

"It's one thing to hear and read [about life in Iraq], but it's another thing to sit down and talk with [troops] and hear that one of their buddies was killed," she said.

"I came into this with a tremendous amount of respect, but now I have a whole

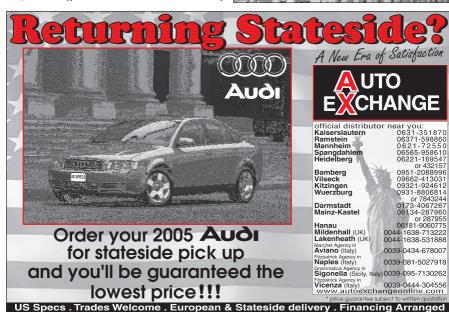
new appreciation." Rachel said that while it's nice to hear the troops liked their show, it's even better to hear that they made a difference. She said the best compliment they've received was "heard from all ranks - 'I haven't smiled this much the entire time I've been here!

E-mail Fred Zimmerman at: zimmermanf@pstripes.osd.mil



bove: Baltimore Ravens cheerleader Michelle gets a ride on the back of a contestant during a push-up competition Wednesday night on Camp Arifjan. Kuwait. Below: A group of appreciative troops give the Ravens' cheerleaders a standing ova-





# **U.S.** hits suspected al-Zarqawi safehouse

BY TODD PITMAN

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. jets pounded a suspected safehouse of terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Fallujah on Thursday.

The missile strike, the latest in a series targeting the man suspected of masterminding deadly attacks and beheadings in Iraq, killed four people, according to a doctor in the insurgent-controlled

In other violence, a homemade bomb exploded near the northern city of Mosul as a military convoy passed by, killing a coalition soldier and wounding two others, the military said. The soldiers' nationalities were not immediately

A roadside bomb detonated near a central Baghdad hospital wounding a senior Iraqi Finance Ministry official and killing two of his guards, police and hospital officials said. Ehsan Karim, the head of the ministry's audit board, suffered slight injuries,

# Airstrike reportedly kills four in Fallujah hideout as insurgents continue attacks

said Col. Adnan Hussein, head of the Interior Ministry's informa-

Another roadside bomb exploded in the Amiriya district of the capital after a U.S. patrol passed through. Several Iraqi bystanders were killed and injured, Hussein

The U.S. attack on the safe house was launched after "multiple confirmations of Iraqi and multinational intelligence," said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, deputy operations director for the multinational force.

"This operation employed precision weapons to attack the safe house and underscores the resolve of multinational and Iraqi security forces to jointly destroy terrorist networks within Iraq," Kimmitt said Kimmitt did not mention casualties in his statement, but Dr. Loai Ali of the Fallujah General Hospital said four people were killed and 10 injured. There was no word on whether al-Zarqawi was in the house.

The raid came hours after rebels fired mortar rounds at a U.S. base on the outskirts of Baghdad's airport, wounding 11 soldiers and starting a fire that humod for mount to a fire

U.S. forces have mounted three previous airstrikes against suspected terrorist hideouts in recent days. On Friday, U.S. jets pounded a suspected al-Zarqawi hideout, killing up to 25 people, U.S. officials said.

Al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian militant said to be connected to al-Qaida, is believed to be behind a series of coordinated attacks on police and security forces last week that killed 100 people. He is also believed to be behind the beheading of two hostages, American Nicholas Berg and South Korean Kim Sun-il.

U.S. authorities Wednesday increased to \$25 million the reward for information leading to his arrest, more than doubling the previous offering of \$10 million. Osama bin Laden has a \$25 million bounty on his head.

Fallujah is believed to have become a stronghold of the al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad movement since Marines lifted their three-week siege in April and handed over security to a locally raised force commanded by officers from Saddam's army.

In other violence, clashes were

reported overnight between militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and police in Amarah, southeast of Baghdad, but no casualties were reported, said Basim Bahloul, a senior police officer.

Meanwhile, police slapped a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Wednesday, a day after discovering about 150 pounds of explosives in a white BMW, police Brig. Ghalib al-Jazaari said.

One Libyan man who allegedly entered Iraq from neighboring Syria to fight U.S. forces was detained over the incident, al-Jazaari said. The police chief also said mili-

The police chief also said militiamen loyal to al-Sadr kidnapped 25 policemen Tuesday in Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, in response to the arrest of two of their colleagues but released 16 of them on Wednesday.

Ahmad al-Shibani, an al-Sadr spokesman, confirmed the kidnappings, but said all 25 had been freed. "We just wanted to teach them a lesson," he said.

## Despite advanced age, Guard unit keeps on trucking

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — At nearly 50 years of age, the hardest working members of the 1244th Transportation Company have proved they can do everything their younger counterparts can do, and then some.

The 1244th, an Illinois National Guard unit from North Riverside, is one of only two

units currently supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom II that uses the old M818 semi-trucks, according to Capt. Rhonda Petersen, unit commander. The trucks rolled off the assembly line in the 1950s. But age hasn't

stopped the unit from chewing up roads in Kuwait and Iraq. "We've driven

a total of 3.4 million miles, with the average mission being between 150 to 200 miles," Petersen

tween 150 to 200 miles," Petersen said of the unit's 17 months here. They also have not had one combat loss or injury, or lost a load or truck during a mission, Petersen said.

According to one transporta-

tion specialist, or driver, the unit's good fortune has been because of how they operate.

"Every time we go to Iraq, we

always look intimidating by a show of force," said Sgt. Jose Sanchez

What also helps missions run smoothly are the 17 mechanics. Petersen said the wrench turners were working 16 to 18 hours a day the first six months in Kuwait

Sgt. Andrew Lang, one of the mechanics, said that during those first months, they virtually had no parts for their

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ways have the right tools. They would borrow from other units or improvise to get the job done.

Because the trucks are so old, fellow mechanic Spc. Matthew Palm said, the unit has scrapped 10 percent of its fleet due to problems such as blown engines or bad transmissions.

Sanchez said it seemed as though the trucks knew when they were on a mission in Iraq, and would perform almost per-



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Army Sgt. Andrew Lang watches as Spc. Matthew Palm, not pictured, begins to lift a broken winch out of an M818 truck using a wrecker. The two soldiers, both mechanics, say they sometimes have to come up with creative ways to fix the 1950s-era trucks.

"We wouldn't have any problems in Iraq, but once we came back in the Truckville gate, they would start acting up and leaking." he said.

One advantage the mechanics have here is the heat. Palm said that when the unit was mobilized, 30 percent of its trucks went down because of the cold weather of northern Illinois. He said it was a three-hour project just to get the trucks started because the diesel fuel would gel in the lines.

Sanchez agreed that the hot, dry climate here makes the trucks perform better.

"In the States, top speed was gether and

about 30 [mph]," Sanchez said.
"Here we do well over 50."
The drivers of the 1244th seem to prefer the older truck to newer versions, even though their vehi-

cles don't have air conditioning.
"It gets hot in there with the heat from the engine," Sanchez said. "It gets about 150 in the cab and you've got all your gear on. The 915s [newer trucks] would drive by with 'Brr, it's cold in heart written on their doesn."

The 915s [newer trucks] would drive by with 'Brr, it's cold in here' written on their doors." Sanchez said they would write their own message of "don't

laugh, it's paid for."

Petersen said she's proud of the soldiers in her unit for coming together and working hard. She

said the unit may be home soon it has a flight date for late July. But, she said, this is its fourth flight date, and there's always a possibility the unit could be extended.

Sgt. Donald May, transportation specialist, said he prefers the old trucks to the new because they're tougher and don't get stuck in the sand as easily.

"They're built to take a beating and they have," May said. "These trucks are old, but they are reliable. We may not be the pride of the Army, but without us, pride don't ride."

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Petty Officer 1st Class Narciso Victoria recently won the military chess championships at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He will participate in the NATO championships next month. Victoria said he started playing chess when he was 11. "When you're a kid, you hate losing. When I lost, I would cry," he said.

JOSEPH KANE



## Victoria knows queens — and kings

## For Naples-based petty officer 1st class, next move is NATO chess championships

By JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

Petty Officer 1st Class Narciso Victoria of Personnel Support Detachment Naples, Italy, recently was crowned the military's top chess player during the six-day interservice championship at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Victoria will be part of a six-member U.S. military team to compete in a NATO tournament next month. He will be joined by Tech. Sgt. Dan Ranario of RAF Mildenhall, England, the only other Europe-based servicemember who earned a spot on the team.

Victoria, an Olongapo, Philippines, native, has been playing chess for more than 30 years, having started when he was 11

"It became my passion," he said. "When you're a kid, you hate losing. When I lost, I would cry.

Victoria started playing in local tournaments by 13 and continued when he enlisted in the Navy 17 years ago

He carries a U.S. Chess Federation ranking of expert and is three points shy of becoming a master, the second-highest USCF ranking behind senior master. Points, he said, are gained by playing in sanctioned tournaments.

Victoria has gone to the military championships every year for the past four, coming in third overall in 2002 and 2003. Competition between the 24 players, he said, was stiff in the latest event, which ended June 25. "It's really good," he said, "very, very tough.

In addition to his first-place win he helped the Navy team tie the Air Force. who were two-time defending champi-

Chess players, he was once told, need three things to succeed: natural talent, a tremendous will to win and a great de-

sire to study the game. He says that he can add "family support" to his success

Victoria also keeps his game fresh by playing with an Italian chess club and against other military and civilian memhers on base

Victoria, who works as a team leader for customer service matters in personnel, started preparing for this year's military championship right after last year's tournament.

"I spent about two hours a day reading books [about chess]," he said. "You can't just show up and play. You need to prepare openings, at least two [different]

The NATO championships are Aug. 8-13 in The Hague, Netherlands. Last year Victoria placed fifth, losing only one match. This year, he hopes to place at least third.

# **VMET** now online for transition

By LISA HORN Stars and Strines

Military personnel leaving the service have another tool to help them get a job in the civilian world. The Verification of Military Experience and Training document is now available online.

The Defense Department document, which lists all military training that a servicemember completed while in service, was previously avail-able only by visiting a transition assistance program office or Army Career and Alumni Program Center.

Servicemembers can review their VMET at www.dmdc.osd.mil/vmet

"Basically, any military training course that they've attended should be on there," said Phillip Medellin, an officer for the Army Career and Alumni Program. "It's a thumbnail sketch of their military career — their experience, their training."

College courses completed while in the military are not recorded on the VMET. A troop's military occupational specialty, however, and the start and end dates of every grade a servicemember has had in a specific MOS is listed.

"The VMET puts the information in civilian terms," Medellin said, referring to the abundance of acronyms and abbreviations used in the

military But the VMET shouldn't be the only tool used, Medellin added

"You're going to [need] to have a lot of other documents - education documents, copies of evaluation reports, commendations, awards - a whole variety of things," he said.

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## Stewart, Thompson named IMA top soldiers

By LISA HORN Stars and Strines

The headquarters for Installation Management Agency-Eu-rope has selected its first soldier and noncommissioned officer of the year.

Spc. Ulysses C. Stewart of the 26th Area Support Group and Staff Sgt. John M. Thompson of the 80th ASG were presented the awards last Friday

A board consisting of eight command sergeants major and senior NCOs met last month in Heidelberg, Germany, to determine the winners.

Six candidates, nominated by their ASG sergeants major, were evaluated on their Army physical fitness test results, land navigation skills, weapons qualifications and knowledge of military subjects, such as first aid and



Staff Sgt. John M. Thompson of the 80th Area Support Group, left, and Spc. Ulysses C. Stewart of the 26th ASG - shown in Heidelberg, Germany — were named the Installation Management Agency-Europe's first noncommissioned and soldier of the year, respectively, last week.

drill and ceremony.

Stewart and Thompson each received several prizes, including a \$250 check from the Association of the U.S. Army and savings bonds totaling \$300 from USAA and Morale, Welfare and

They will compete against six

other IMA regional winners at the IMA-wide competition July 11-15 at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. The top soldier and NCO at that contest will compete for the Department of the Army Soldier and NCO of the Year.

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## Gricignano travel office

NAPLES, Italy - An Information, Tours and Travel office opened Thursday at the Gricignano support site, two weeks after its Agnano office closed.

The opening was delayed because of problems with the new building's ventilation system, according to Thomas Wilson, marketing director for Morale, Welfare and Recreation

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Temporarily located in the building behind the fire station,

ITT will move into the support site's massive retail complex when it opens next summer.

The office, open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, has limited services including tour bookings but not flight arrangements. Customers can use a courtesy phone to contact ITT's office in Capodichino for full services.

Wilson said hours and services likely will expand in September. Phone numbers: DSN 629-7900, commercial 081-811-7900.

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## Giessen shows signs of gearing up for GIs' return

Across central Germany, 1st Armored Division communities are getting ready to welcome home thousands of soldiers. In Giessen, banners have been strung up for members of the 16th Engineer Rattalion and the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment. More than 1.200 troops from Giessen have been deployed in support of Operation Irani Freedom since the spring of 2003. Walking past the row of banners is Pvt. Brandon Steen of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment.



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## NATO HQ gets new name

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - As of Friday, the NATO Headquarters Allied Air Forces North at Ramstein Air Base will be called Component Command-Air Headquarters Ramstein, NATO said.

The name change reflects the streamlined comsult of the Prague NATO Summit in the Czech Re-

through operations, cooperative activities and dialogue, the release said

#### Hohenfels Fourth of July celebration

The Hohenfels, Germany, military community will celebrate the Fourth of July with two days of

# **Base readiness** seen in a Flash

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes KAISERSLAUTERN, Germa-

ny - It can happen at any time, without warning - just like a terrorist attack

Euro Flash, a commandwide force-protection exercise in U.S. Air Forces in Europe, is a no-notice drill meant to keep airmen ready to respond to terrorist attacks or intelligence of such an attack. So far, the command has had

two Euro Flash exercises, one in April and one late last month, said Capt. Eric Waterworth, the exercise boss and a member of USAFE's Inspector General Supvolved because they're the first-responders in an emergen-

In some cases, nearly every department on every base could be called upon to react.

Lt. Col. John Quattrone, commander of the 31st Security Forces Squadron at Aviano Air Base, Italy, said the exercises so far have been fairly realistic.

"It definitely tests the element of surprise at the tactical level, Ouattrone said. The multibase exercise also helps troops determine if a similar threat exists at another installation.

"You're getting a bigger picture of what's happening com-mandwide," Ouattrone said. Inspector teams fan out to each USAFE base to evaluate how well

"They've gone very well," Wa-terworth said. "We're learning lots of good lessons. Every base is

when the next Euro Flash will pop up. And Waterworth, for one,



## IN THE STATES

# Rell sworn in as Connecticut governor

BY SUSAN HAIGH The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Connecticut -M. Jodi Rell was sworn in Thursday as Connecticut's governor, promising to restore "faith, integ-rity and honor" after taking over from John G. Rowland, who resigned amid a federal corruption investigation and a threatened impeachment.

Rell, 58, a Republican who ran on Rowland's ticket three times. took the oath of office shortly after noon on the north steps of the state Capitol.

'It has been a time of profound disappointment and disillusionment," Rell said in her inaugural address. "It has been a moment in history that we never thought we would see, and fervently hope that we never see again."
"Today, we begin to restore

faith, integrity and honor to our government," she said. "It is our solemn obligation. It will be our lasting legacy."

Rowland, who has been under fire for accepting gifts from employees and state contractors, did not attend the inauguration: a spokesman had said he planned to spend the day with his family.

The announcement of Rowland's resignation came last week, just days after the state Supreme Court ruled that the legislative panel considering his impeachment could subpoena him

Rell, who became only the second woman to serve as governor in Connecticut, will serve out the remainder of Rowland's third term, which expires in January

Later Thursday afternoon, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin B. Sullivan a Democrat was to be sworn in as lieutenant governor.

The scandal-plagued Rowland had been on the sidelines since announcing last week he would resign. Rell had been the de facto of her new administration, presiding over the State Bond Commission and discussing her plans for the remaining 21/2 years of Rowland's term.

Brian Mattiello, Rowland's chief of staff who will serve as Rell's deputy chief of staff, said Rowland wanted it that way.

"I think he recognized the attention has turned to Lt. Gov. Rell and quite rightfully well," said Mattiello. "He wishes her well." Even as Rowland left office,

Rell announced she was issuing Executive Order No. 1, which imposes "strict ethics restraints on those who serve in government' and creates a new public integrity officer in her Cabinet

Rowland had come under fire for accepting gifts from state contractors, friends and politically appointed employees. He continues to be a subject of a federal corruption investigation into alleged



M. Jodi Rell, left, is sworn in as governor of Connecticut by state Supreme Court Chief Justice William J. Sullivan as her daughter. Meredith O'Connor. looks on. Rell succeeds John Rowland.

## 'Thin Blue Line' killer executed in Texas after appeals rejected

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas - More than 18 years after he was sentenced to death, the legal lifeline ran out for convicted killer David Ray Harris, who gained notoriety from a documentary movie that helped show his false testimony put an innocent man on Teyas' death row Harris, 43, was executed Wednesday night after a

flurry of appeals tried to keep him from the Texas death chamber for a 1985 slaying during a break-in and attempted abduction in Reaumont Harris became prominent in the 1988 film "The

Thin Blue Line," which focused on the unfair conviction of another man, Randall Dale Adams, for the 1976 shooting death of a Dallas police officer.

Harris had fingered Adams as the killer of the officer, Robert Wood. Years later, Harris recanted his trial testimony and attested to Adams' innocence

Adams spent 12 years in prison and in May 1979 came within three days of execution for a slaying he insisted he didn't commit. The year after, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out his death sentence because of jury selection problems at his trial. His sentence was commuted to life and in 1989, a year after the movie, Adams was freed

By that time, Harris, an apprentice bricklayer

from Vidor, was on death row for killing Mark Mays, 30, outside Mays' apartment in Beaumont. By then he also had been booted out of the military and had served time in California for burglary and rob-

Harris' execution, the 10th this year in Texas, was thrown into uncertainty Tuesday when a federal judge, acting on a request from Harris' lawyers, issued a restraining order barring Texas officials from using the three-drug "lethal cocktail" normally injected into an inmate's veins to execute him.

Lawyers said the drugs contributed to an unconstitutionally cruel death, but the Texas attorney general's office appealed to a higher court to get the order

Other appeals in the courts included a contention from defense lawyers that testimony was unreliable from psychiatrists who advised jurors Harris would continue to be a danger if he lived, and that his 18 years on death row amounted to improper cruel and unusual nunishment.

The Supreme Court rejected all the appeals just after 6 p.m. CDT. Less than an hour later, at 6:48 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

Harris never looked at two members of Mays family who watched through a window along with Roxanne Burkhart, the woman he had tried to abduct the day Mays was gunned down.

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## Anthony Hope dies nearly a year after his dad

LOS ANGELES - Anthony J. "Tony" Hope, son of the late American entertainer Bob Hope and former head of the U.S. National Indian Gaming Commission, died Monday, his sister said. He was 63.

Hope died at his home in Wash-ington, D.C., after a brief undis-closed illness, Linda Hope said from her home in Los Angeles. His death comes nearly a year after the death of his father, Bob Hope, who was 100 when he died

of pneumonia last year. Tony Hope ran for the U.S. Congress in 1986, seeking to fill the seat vacated by Republican repre-

upset in the primary by little-known of Simi Valley, California. Elton Gallegly, who went on to win the general elec-

congressional bid, Hope served Indian on two U.S. presidential commissions under Presidents Ronald

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Gaming Commission which regulates casinos run by Native Americans



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## Starbucks to slim some of its sinful drinks

BY ALLISON LINN

SEATTLE — Gary Lass didn't think twice before ordering his usual Starbucks grande mocha Frappuccino one sunny after-

"I drink too many of these, and they're not good for me," the 63-year-old admitted a bit sheepishly as he sipped the 420-calorie chocolate, coffee and whipped cream concoction. "I always wish I hadn't afterward, but my craving overcomes common sense."

It may seem counterintuitive to say that coffee is fattening — and, indeed, a regular cup of joe at Starbucks has just 10 calories. But add a little milk, a splash of chocolate or a squirt of whipped cream and things can get considerably more caloric.

A 16-ounce nonfat latte weighs in at a meager 160 calories, but the same size mocha — with whole milk and whipped cream — jumps up to 400 calories.

The sweet, summery frozen drinks can be even more temping — and sinful. The largest Java Chip Frappuccino tips the scales at 650 calories — 50 calories more than a Big Mac — and contains 25 grams of fat, compared with 33 grams for the Big Mac.

Surprised that your afternoon coffee break can be so caloric?



Gary Lass, 63, takes a sip from his grande mocha Frappuccino with whipped cream that he bought from a Seattle Starbucks last week.

Diane Javelli, a clinical dietitian with the University of Washington in Seattle, said many people do not count the calories they slurp, whether it's coffee, juice or

"I think often we have the perception if we're drinking it, it doesn't have to have calories," she said.

she said.

When compiling a diet history,

patient's coffee drink choice, breaking down everything from flavoring to milk fat.

She doesn't necessarily recommend cutting out lattes altogether—after all, there is protein, calcium and vitamin D in that milk but she does often counsel patients to try a smaller size or limit themselves to just a few drinks a

For kids, however, Javelli is more cautious. The fat and calo-

## **Coffee calories**

All the extras included in today's tasty coffee beverages turn a plain old cup o' joe into a



SOURCE: Starbucks Corp.

ries in drinks like Frappuccinos might be enough to give a parent pause, she said, and the caffeine is just an added stimulant that youngsters probably don't need. Hoping to appeal to more calorie-conscious coffee drinkers, Starbucks on Wednesday launched "tight" versions of its lower-fat milk and artificial sweeteners. A 12-ounce serving of the new light drink will have 110 calories and 1 gram of fat, compared with 190 calories and 2.5 grams of fat for the regular version

version.

The Seattle-based chain of coffee shops also plans to stock stores with brochures detailing nutritional information about all their drinks. The same data has been available on Starbucks' Web

site for about a year.
Despite the increased attention to obesity in America, Starbucks Senior Vice President Michelle Gass said the company has not seen a backlash from customers suddenly worried about how fattening their coffee is. The new light drinks and brochures, she said, "are just part of, in general, us trying to answer consumer

needs."

Carl Sibilski, an analyst with
Morningstar in Chicago, said he
has not seen any evidence that
sales of the higher-caloric Frappuccinos are down. The move offer light drinks follows an industry trend toward more healthy
foods, which could expand Star-

bucks' customer base, he said.
Still, he doubts the light Frappuccinos will be a blockbuster
item. "I don't think that people
are thinking about calories or the
health of the products they buy
when they go into a Starbucks,"



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## Civil Rights Act: A 40-year work in progress

BY DAVID CRARY The Associated Press

BALTIMORE - For President Lyndon Johnson and the mostly white congressional majority he helped assemble, passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act was a trium-

phant step toward racial justice. Forty years later. American his tory teacher Carolyn Mattocks tells her classes the act's legacy is not so simple.

"The civil rights movement was a wonderful movement, but we as a people did not take it as far as we should have," said Mattocks, 35, who teaches adult students at inner-city Baltimore's predominantly black Sojourn-er-Douglass College.

"There's still unfinished busi-ness," Mattocks said, referring to persistent social inequities and divided black leadership.

"There's a duty that we as a vounger generation have - to finish that business.'

## Many agree that more needs to be done for equality

Many would agree, though by any measure, the Civil Rights Act was momentous. Signed by Johnson on July 2, 1964, after a record two-month filibuster by embittered Southern senators, the act's key provisions banned segregation in any facility offering public services and outlawed discrimination in hiring.

"Together, those two provisions led to a veritable sea change in the way Americans conducted their lives," said Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Henderson was a high school student in Washington, D.C., when the act was passed. He encountered segregation in the capital firsthand as a boy, and recalls help-wanted ads in the newspa-

pers that specified whether blacks or whites should apply.

"The little indignities of legal segregation really gnawed away at how you saw yourself and how you saw American democracy "The Civil Henderson said. Rights Act had a profoundly transformative effect, especially in the workplace - it's now the place most Americans encounter peo ple of different races and ethnici-

In the ensuing four decades, black Americans have made tremendous strides. Their poverty rate has dropped by nearly half; rates of high school graduation home ownership have soared; blacks preside over prestigious universities, major corporations, the State Department and the American Bar Association.

However, glaring gaps remain. A recent National Urban League report said black Americans'

earning power is only 73 percent of whites and their life expectancy is six years less. Predominantly black public schools are often badly underfunded, compared with mostly white schools, and black incarceration rates are higher now than in 1964.

According to one recent study in the American Sociological Review, more young black men have done time in prison than have served in the military or earned a college degree. Nationally, about 13 percent of black men - 1.4 million in all — are ineligible to vote because of criminal records

"I should have thought that evervone, even down to ex-felons. would be able to realize the Amerisaid Clayton Guyton, who assists ex-offenders at Baltimore's Rose Street Community Center. "Once they go to prison, it's almost impossible for them to re-enter soci-

The Civil Rights Act resulted from years of relentless campaigning by civil leaders, whose protest marches in the South often provoked brutal responses from the defenders of segrega-

President John F. Kennedy, who earlier in his political career had sometimes been cautious on racial issues, addressed Congress in June 1963 to urge passage of a sweeping civil rights bill. Martin Luther King Jr. led a historic march in Washington in August.

After Kennedy's assassination that November, Johnson took up the cause — a Texan willing to break with many of his fellow Southerners to push through an even bolder version of the bill.

## Cassini spacecraft enters orbit with Saturn's rings

By JOHN ANTCZAK The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. - Just hours after swooping into orbit around Saturn, the Cassini spacecraft sent images of the giant planet's rings back to Earth early

The shadowy close-ups were taken as the U.S.-European craft looked down on ring segments as it entered orbit late Wednesday.

The most detailed initial image showed a crisp group of more than a dozen tight bands.

Mission scientists and engineers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory had watched tensely

Wednesday as a signal indicated first that Cassi. launched nearly

years ago - had safely passed through the ring plane and then performed a crucial engine firing. squeezed through a gap in Saturn's shimmer-

ing rings, fired its brakes and settled into a near-perfect orbit around the giant planet.

As the first images became Thursday, imaging team leader Carolyn Porco said the pictures would become more dramatic as Cassini's view changed to the side of the rings illuminated by the sun.

"It was an amazing opportunity to be this close," Porco said.

Putting the first spacecraft into orbit around Saturn marked another major success this year for NASA, which has had two rovers operating on Mars since January and has a spacecraft heading home with samples from a comet encounter. NASA Administrator Sean O'-

Keefe, in a call from Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, called the orbit insertion an "amazing victo-

ry" and part of a "double header following a successful spacewalk by the international space station

crew earlier Wednesday evening. A carefully choreographed maneuver allowed Cassini to be captured by Saturn's gravity as it arced within 12,500 miles of the giant planet's cloud tops

Using its big radio dish as a shield against small particles, the spacecraft ascended through a gap between two of the rings, then spun around and fired its engine for more than 11/2 hours to slow its acceleration.

The craft then rotated again to place its shielding antenna in front as it descended back through the gan

The maneuver had to be carried out automatically because Earth and Saturn are currently more than 900 million miles apart and radio signals take

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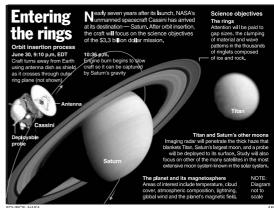
way Navigation team chief Jeremy Jones said initial analysis showed the orbit to be so good that a "cleanup" maneuver planned for Saturday would be very small.

The orbital insertion came after two decades of work by scientists in the United States and 17 nations. The \$3.3 billion mission was funded by NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency.

David Southwood director of snace science for the European Space Agency, called it a "world mission" but said the orbital insertion was "America doing it right."

Cassini will now go on at least a four-year tour of Saturn and some of its 31 known moons. Cassini was scheduled to make 76 orbits and repeated fly-bys of the

Scientists hope the mission will



provide important clues about ow the planets formed.

Cassini and the Huygens probe it carries are named for 17th century astronomers Jean Dominique Cassini and Christiaan Huygens

The probe will be sent into the atmosphere of Saturn's big moon Titan in January. The moon, blanketed by a thick atmosphere of nitrogen and methane, is believed to have organic compounds resembling those on Earth billions of years before life appeared.

Cassini has traveled 2.2 billion miles, getting gravitational assists from Earth and Venus as it caromed around the solar system



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## IN THE WORLD

# Afghanistan elections may be delayed again

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghanistan's national elections beset by deadly Taliban attacks, feuding warlords and political squabbling - may have to be de-

layed again. After weeks of assurances that the vote would take place in September, a top government official said Thursday that authorities cannot meet a deadline to schedule a vote that month, though he held out the possibility that the law was "flexible."

Faroog Wardak, a senior member of the Afghan election management body, said the group would not reach a decision on an election date until at least next

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week That means that under laws that require a 90-day period between the calling of an election and an actual vote, the earliest the election could be held would

be October. "Much more consultation is required," Wardak told The Associ-ated Press as he shuttled between "I'm hopeful that next

meetings. "I'm hopeful that next week we'll have a decision." Wardak said initially, "We will stick to the 90 days as far as the presidential election is con-

cerned." But after meeting with top U.N. dent Hamid Karzai, Wardak backed off from that remark, say, ing there was "always flexibility" about the 90-day period.

"If all the preparations are in place, the end of September is still possible," Wardak said.

Karzai has pledged repeatedly to hold elections in September, despite mounting violence and concern that warlords and drug harons will use their guns and wealth

to cement their power Presidential and parliamentary elections already were delayed from June, and October is seen as the last chance to hold a vote before snow closes high passes in

the mountains of eastern Afghanistan until the spring of 2005. Wardak said the government

statistics office had yet to deliver vital population estimates neces-sary to decide on the distribution of seats in Parliament.

He also said only four of the 20 political parties consulted by the election body insist on the parlia-

mentary vote being held this fall. The votes are supposed to be held simultaneously, but observers say there is a possibility that officials could separate them, holding the presidential vote in October and the parliamentary election next year.

Karzai argues that blocking the new Parliament would betray Afghans' hopes, some three years after the ouster of the hardline Talihan regime and more than two decades after the nation was plunged into a series of ruinous been cautioning for months that security is simply not adequate to hold the election

The United Nations, which holds half the seats on the election body, warns that warlords and faction leaders — some in government - must disarm their private armies to keep the vote credible

A U.N. spokesman acknowledged Thursday that setbacks in disarming the private militias have affected deliberations on the date of the election

"There is indeed a debate. U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said. "Of course, if the debate goes on, that will have an impact on the election





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New port rules tighten security across globe BY JAKE LLOYD-SMITH

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE — U.N.-backed rules to protect shipping from terrorists came into force Thursday with the world's two busiest ports in Hong Kong and Singapore reporting no early snags, suggesting Asia's major maritime centers could take the new code in

However, a security expert warned a key test remained to come in the United States, where Coast Guard officials have warned they will apply the new rules rigorously.

"The Port of Singapore maintained smooth operations despite the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code coming into force today," the Maritime and Port Authority, or MPA, said in a Forty-one vessels arrived at the

sprawling-but-efficient port in the first 10 hours after midnight, and all had presented the correct documentation, the MPA said.

In Hong Kong, everything was normal, with no delays or other problems, said Choi Kim-lue, Hong Kong port chairman of the Cargo-Vessel Traders' Associa-

Port facilities, owners of ships larger than 500 tons and the companies that unload them must make detailed plans to prepare for terrorist threats under the U.N. International Maritime Organization, or IMO, code.

Ships must have a security officer, alarm system, automatic identification system and a method of checking IDs of people who board. They must also restrict access to the engine room and bridge.

Vessels could be turned away at port if they don't have a certificate signed by their flag nation that states their compliance with the treaty

The rules were drafted after the Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaida attacks in the United States. Osama bin Laden's network is also blamed for the 2000 attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 American servicemen, and the bombing of French tanker Limburg,

which killed one person and snilled 90 000 barrels of oil off the Yemeni coast.

## Powell: North Korea must make first move

JAKARTA, Indonesia - U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday that North Korea would be wasting its time if it holds out for economic benefits from the United States before showing serious intent to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

"As we follow the principle of word for word and deed for deed, we have to see deeds before we are prepared to put something on the table." Powell told a news conference.

Powell is here for the annual summer round of meetings of Pacific rim foreign ministers. North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun is here but Powell said no meeting had been arranged as yet.

Powell leaves for home late Friday night. Powell, who was joined by more than 15 diplomatic colleagues at the news conference, added that if North Korea commits itself quickly to disarmament, progress on a comprehensive deal could

"We don't think that what's been asked for will be very difficult to achieve," he said.

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## AAFES gas ad deceiving

I heard a deceiving ad on AFN radio driving to work.

It was from Army and Air Force Exchange Service telling customers that it was not changing gas pump prices until after the Fourth of July weekend to give customers a price break over the holiday.

With pump prices going down for four weeks in a row in the United States. AAFES pump prices should also be going down. If not, then AAFES is cheating its customers and violating its stated pricing policy.

If prices go down as they should in July, in reality, what is happening is AAFES is getting an additional week of higher pump prices and again gouging its customers on gas prices

The argument that AAFES gives some of its profits to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund is not valid. It is like the bank robber donating his stolen money to charity.

Barry L. Borgiet Kaiserslautern, Germany

## Who do murderers respect?

In response to "U.S. attitude needs to change" (June 21): I do not remember reading any letters from Americans who said that what happened at Abu Ghraib

[prison] was justified. I do remember reading numerous letters condemning those acts as un-Ameri can. In fact, I don't ever recall having read or heard of any Americans condoning those abuses. Our linguist friend should remember that the difference between us and them is that those men are on trial for their abuses

When will the murderous acts of the terrorists who beheaded Nick Berg and Kim Sun-il ever receive their trial?

The writer may be quick to charge the United States as having little respect for culture and religion, but that's just a smoke screen

Let's take a look at the Army's "little respect for culture and religion

Americans soldiers cannot drink alcohol in country. American soldiers cannot openly display religious crosses, crucifixes or any other religious ornamentation publicly. American soldiers cannot eat pork or pork products in country

The writer challenges Christianity as if the guards were acting in the name of Christianity, which they were not. They were acting by themselves for themselves and will be tried and punished according-

Let's challenge Islam then. Every terrorist so far has claimed to act in the name of Islam. Does Islam claim to justify the murders of two innocent men who were trying to help the Iraqi people?

That's the real smoke screen Terrorists have hijacked Islam, vet no Arab or Muslim has tried to claim it back. In that sense, the real hypocrites lie in the Arab and Mus lim people. People like the writer want to

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blame America, Christianity and Judaism for their own failures.

There is no excuse for what those guards did. No American ever said what they did was right, Christian or even American. Talking with my fellow soldiers, we all agree it is unacceptable, un-American and just plain wrong.

If the letter writer really was ashamed for working with Americans, he would resign immediately and not wait for the outcomes of the trials. Hypocrites indeed.

Capt. Son Lam Camp Zama, Japan

## More soccer news wanted

The Stars and Stripes' lack of any cover age of the Euro 2004 Soccer Championships is inexcusable.

This newspaper is supposed to be serving the U.S. armed forces in the European theater of operations, but does not cover the biggest sporting event going on in the world, much less on European soil.

There are many like me who love soccer. We play on local club teams, foster relations with the host country, and try to follow the latest news of top teams across the world.

The total lack of any significant coverage other than a few lines about the U.S. national team defeating Grenada in a qualifying match is very frustrating when I open the daily newspaper to find two to three pages devoted to the NBA draft.

I say, why not print a page with the spectacular results of recent games played between England and Portugal or France and Greece?

I, having just returned from Germany in which I participated in the U.S. Army Europe Soccer Championships, know there is an audience for the sport. I am currently in England getting ready to play in the Army-Air Force Europe Soccer Champion shins so I know the Air Force has fans of the sport, too. The U.S. armed forces is made up of in-

dividuals from many backgrounds, ethnicity and a variety of countries. Basketball, baseball and football are not the only

sports in the world. Let's get some more coverage of the sport played by more countries in the world than any other sport soccer.

Marko Hakama Vicenza, Italy

## No more apologies, please

Please, oh, please - spare us "a series of columns on five topics" from the Stars and Stripes' ombudsman - the one I've characterized as the apologist for Stars and Stripes

He has lately "discovered" whether Stars and Strines stories "cover all bases As you might expect, he discovers that Stars and Stripes does "cover all bases." Not that I disagree with him. I just figure he doesn't know what he's talking about.

He didn't do any "discovering" at any bases, by being where the readers are, nor by being where the action is, nor by being in any of Stars and Stripes' offices with any Stars and Stripes staff.

He does his "discovering" at a distance
- like maybe Columbus "discovering" America on a map, not by ship — "discovering stuff over the Internet, which as we all know is not necessarily the "real stuff." You can find anything you want to know on the Internet and ignore (or not search for) anything you don't want to know. So please, just spare us, OK? There's lots

I'd rather see in Stars and Stripes, such as your regular correspondents, news ser-vice extracts, Travel magazine, advertisements, comics and so forth. Anything but more "apologies."

Robert D. Doleman Landstuhl, Germany

#### Payment system pitfalls

Just recently the 104th Area Support Group contracting office switched to a new system of payment to sports officials. They now use Government Convenience Checks instead of blank purchase agreements. The system was created to simplify and

expedite payment to all certified sports officials; however, the person who created this system did not research the negative pitfalls concerning the IRS and a timely method of payment. I was asked by a narent in Raumholder

Germany, why it is difficult to schedule officials for youth games. I simply told her that when, after one month, I am contacted by the IRS concerning taxes for checks I haven't received yet, it is not worth the trouble. The scary part is, this is not an isolated

incident: several sports officials have decided not to officiate in the 104th ASG because of similar problems. Every other ASG in Europe uses the old system with no tax or IRS trouble. The bottom line is this: A mass exodus

of sports officials is on the horizon unless this problem is solved. Kevin Taylor

Baumholder, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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## **OPINION**

## It takes a book tour to keep Clinton focused

umorist Will Rogers once said about Republican Calvin Coolidge: "He was the best Democrat we ever had in the White House. He didn't do anything and that's ex-

Dan Thomasson



actly what we wanted That may be a partial explanation for the continuing popularity of Bill Clinton. Polls indicate he could run again for the presidency and win handily despite his tawdry behavior and lack of sustained focus on most of the nation's problems while serving as the 42nd president

Certifying the accuracy of the surveys are the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have rushed to buy his ponderous life story, apparently in some part to revel in the spiciness of confessed peccadilloes. It is a public that never seems to tire of Monica Lewinsky and Gennifer Flowers and Paula Jones and cigars and soiled dresses.

It is extremely doubtful that the former president's hastily written memoirs - for which he received a \$10 million advance would attract such enthusiasm based on his record. Other than the fact he was a beneficiary of an economy inflated beyond reason by the Gold Rush psychology of the brand-new Internet, there isn't a vibrant record of achievement for one considered so

His major domestic initiative, the revamping of the nation's health-care system, was a failure. After initially opposing it, he did sign a Republican welfare-reform bill for which he now claims credit.

He did win the North American Free Trade Agreement, but once again only with the support of the opposition party. And he managed to eliminate the deficit by doing nothing to interfere with the mountain of new revenues generated by the over-reaching "new economy" that lasted just long enough for him to end his watch.

On the foreign front, he failed to eliminate Osama bin Laden, although he tried. He didn't make any of the reforms in the national intelligence apparatus that might have helped avoid Sept. 11 despite evidence that both the FBI and the CIA were woefully deficient in this area. He knew terrorism was a threat, but didn't overemphasize it. He failed to win any kind of meaningful accord between Israel and Palestine. He did have a measure of success in the Balkans.

Some of his lethargy can be attributed to the fact much of his time and energy the last two years of office were spent preoccupied with a troubled marriage; the disgrace of impeachment because of indiscreet activities with a White House intern and lies told about the affair under oath in a civil suit and to the public, and in defending himself in a Senate trial - only the second in the history of America. All of this was to the detriment of his official duties.



What is the answer to the Clinton mystique? One would hate to believe that it is simply his charm or a campaign technique that is indeed infectious. But that seems to be a major factor.

Conversely, those who don't like Clinton really seem to hate him, and the animosity he engenders in them may be his contribution to the deep political divisions that have overtaken the electorate. The feeling toward the current president by his opponents is much the same. Those who revile George W.

Rush seem to take their dislike to the utmost extreme. There is no middle ground, and chances are good the 50-50 split in this country will once again produce a narrow referendum not on who is the best candidate, but on Bush's performance.

In the meantime, Clinton will go on selling his 900-plus pages of self-indulgence. H was the perfect president who really did what the country wanted - not much.

Dan Thomasson is former editor of the Scripps Howard News Service

## Iraq's security needs still beyond its troops' reach

BY MICHAEL O'HANLON

WASHINGTON ow do we succeed militarily in Iraq? Given the nature of counterinsurgency, this question is inseparable from succeeding in broader political and economic terms as

That said, there are aspects to the challenge that can be expressed and discussed largely from a military perspective. In addition, some basic facts and figures pertaining to the security situation merit empha-

The starting point for this discussion must be that, despite a recent wave of greater optimism from the Bush administration and some conservative commentators, the security situation in Iraq is poor.

It is not just difficult: it is not just slow to improve, compared with what our initial hopes or expectations might have been. It is simply not promising, because we see no convincing signs of having turned the corner toward defeat of the insurgency. Strategic failure in Iraq may not be an op-

tion, as many are wont to say, but alas it is increasingly a possibility, and the principal reason is our inability, so far, to win the counterinsurgency.

The reasons are not hard to guess. While arresting and killing lots of enemy forces, we have detained or killed many innocent Iragis - a far smaller number, to be sure, but still probably a significant number. That is just one aspect of a broader reality - that we are failing to win many Iraq hearts and minds. This fact is unfair, to be sure, given the valiant and professional efforts of the overwhelming majority of American troops in Iraq. But it is a fact.

The latest polling about the American presence in Iraq, conducted just before Fallujah and the Abu Ghraib scandal, revealed that Iragis were still grateful that Saddam Hussein was gone, were still fearful of what

would happen once coalition forces left Iraq — but showed distrust of Americans running at more than 80 percent.

It is very difficult to prevail in counterinsurgency when a population so mistrusts the occupying power, because it will probably provide ample recruits to sustain a resistance movement and will be unlikely to provide the kinds and quantities of intelligence needed to find insurgents and capture or

In addition, two more discouraging points need to be underscored.

First, crime rates remain very high probably several times what they were in Iraq under Saddam, Normal Iraqis do not find the streets safe. The Pentagon has been reluctant to acknowledge this state of affairs, but virtually all non-official visitors to Iraq emphasize it, and most available statistics reinforce the point. Second, new Iraqi security institutions

are being created extremely slowly. After a year's effort, only about 10 percent of

planned army and police forces have been properly trained. It is hard to understand why this should be the case What to do? Many of the standard pre-

scriptions are surely right, including: ■ transferring sovereignty to defuse anti-Americanism

getting the \$18 billion from 2003's supplemental appropriation flowing to Iraq faster to improve the quality of life and raise employment levels;

accelerating training of security force

■ bringing some former Iraqi security forces and even some militias into the new security institutions so that we can reduce the American face on security activities. There are two final points to add

First, we need to have Iraqi security forces trained within a year.

If this means devoting 10 percent of the olice academies and military basic training facilities in NATO and Arab countries to the job, so be it. We must view Iraq as a

genuine strategic crisis, not just a problem that can be solved with a little more patience and a few more resources, as recent Second in line with the latest II N resolu-

tion, and as former deputy national security adviser James Steinberg and I proposed in May, the United States should announce that the military mission will end once a new Iraqi constitution is adopted at the end

The goal here, as with the transfer of sovereignty, is to empower Iraqis - symbolically and practically — and to counter Iraqi anti-Americanism. We should be willing to stay thereafter; in fact, we should want to stay. But the U.S. presence should be under new auspices, in a new mission, with smaller foreign forces and more Iraqi responsibility. Above all, a sovereign Iraqi should explicitly request the new mission rather than have it continue by default.

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## YOUR MONEY

# Colleges' extra credit With an egg, you can 'MacGyver' your car

## Measure to limit campus card solicitation

BY MICHAEL GORMLEY

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - For college-bound high school graduate Kenneth Cashwell, the credit card offers started coming that summer of 2000 too fast to count and too alluring to resist.

Cashwell eventually succumbed to promises of low rates, no payments for three months, and even an appeal to fiscal responsibility: "Start building your credit now."

Within two years, the Queens, N.Y., resident had applied for six credit cards, and his debt was mounting toward \$4,000. His credit card bills topped \$100 a month while he was a mostly unemployed, full-time student at the State University of New York at Farmingdale.

"I had a pile of people just basically giving me money," Cashwell said. "I figured I would get a job and he able to keen up. It became a never-end-

ing cycle." The New York Legislature last week passed a measure that would prohibit the deluge of credit card offers on campuses and requires some consumer education

Nine other states — Arkansas, California, Ha-waii, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Virginia and West Virginia — have passed restrictions or required studies of credit card solicitation on campuses this year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Seven other states have pending proposals If signed into law by Gov. George Pataki, New York would end tables of solicitors offering gifts for sign-ups, as well as the junk mail in dorm mail

boxes and every bookstore shopping bag - with colleges often getting a cut. The market has created an explosion in credit

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Sixty-seven percent of all college students have at least one credit card, 24 percent more than in 1990, according to national research included in the state bill. The average balance also has ballooned from \$900 in 1990 to \$2,100

The college credit boon was building when William Boyland Jr. was a freshman in the late 1980s at Virginia State University.

"When I went into college it was the first thing I saw, with water bottles, free T-shirts, you name it, said Boyland. He said the debt haunts the students after college as they pay too much of entry-level paychecks to finance charges.

"There's no thought to the repercussions when you're 28 or 30 and you try to buy a house," Boyland said.

As a freshman New York assemblyman from Brooklyn, he sponsored the bill, saying he hoped to give students "a fighting chance.

'Credit card companies are very aggressive and tend to prey on kids who don't know the difference between educational credit [to pay tuition] and con-sumer credit," said Cynthia Bailey, executive di-rector of The College Board. "If they want credit, they can always find it themselves. They don't ve to have it crammed down their throat

She said the consumer education requirement could be the strongest element of the bill. She said many colleges already have added consumer education to their freshman orientation to avoid "crippling debt.

Neither she nor Richard Wong of the American School Counselor Association based in Alexandria, Va., had heard of similar laws in other states.

Credit cards "are very useful and in the right way can be very beneficial." Wong said. "But very often students don't get the [consumer] education and they tend to get exploited as a willing market. A spokesman for California-based Visa didn't respond to a request for comment.

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## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 1)	106.00
S. Korean won (June 30)	1,124.00
Euro	\$1.249
British pound	\$1.86
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.37699
British pound	\$1.8067
Canada (Dollar)	1.3459
Denmark (Krone)	5.76
Egypt (Pound)	6.195
Euro	\$1.2083
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7991
Hungary (Forint)	206.45
Iceland (Krona)	72.855
Israel (Shekel)	4.4964
Japan (Yen)	108.37
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29471
Norway (Krone)	6.54
Philippines (Peso)	56.16
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.59
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## **PRECIOUS METALS**

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.00
Discount rate	2.00
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3-month bill	1.38
30-year bond	5.37
Sources: The Associated Press,	Bank of

I love your column, guys. I'm curious about a rerun of "MacGvver" that I saw last week. He was trying to escape from "San Arugula" or someplace south of the border. He found an abandoned jeep, and of course got it to fire right up. However, the radiator was riddled with bullet holes, so he thought he was a goner. Then his little light bulb went off. He stole some chicken eggs from a nearby farm, and with the engine running, he proceeded to separate the eggs, put-

ting only the egg whites in the radiator Voila! The leaks were

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sealed, he escaped, and he once again saved the world. My obvious question: Would that really work? I know you're laughing, but you have no idea how many things I've "MacGyvered" with paper clips, so who knows? Just wondering if I should keep a few eggs in the toolbox. - Ruth

TOM: Great question, Ruth. In the old days, we would have dumped the whole egg in there, volk and all. But now that we're all worried about cholesterol and heart disease, most repair shops have switched over to just egg

RAY: Actually, it might work. Here's the theory: If there's a small hole in the radiator, the water or coolant is going to escape through that hole. When you dump in the egg, it goes in as a gooey liquid. But as it travels through the hot fluid (note: engine running), it cooks and hardens. And if everything works just right, the egg is dragged toward

the hole, hits it, hardens up and plugs the leak.

TOM: That's the theory. People also have used pepper flakes for this repair, which I also keep along with the eggs - in my toolbox. Even if I don't have a radiator leak, it's nice to know I can always whip myself up a half-decent breakfast.

RAY: The egg trick can actually work. Ruth, as a temporary fix. if the hole - or holes - are small enough.

TOM: But I'm afraid it won't work on bullet holes. The radia-

tor is not a single tank that holds water The part of the radiator that holds the

coolant is composed of a bunch of thin metal tubes. Those tubes carry the coolant slowly from one end of the radiator to the other. It's during that journey that the heat is removed.

RAV: But those little tubes are only about an eighth of an inch wide and an inch deen And if a bullet blows through one of those tubes, it's going to literally tear it in half, leaving a 38-millimeter gap between the two remaining pieces. And even a Western ome let won't fix that

TOM: I suppose that if a bullet just grazed a tube, it might still work. So, let's assume, for the sake of MacGyver's reputation, that the hail of bullets just nicked one of the cooling tubes. Otherwise, that would have been MacGyver's last episode, Ruth.

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## ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## Recent grads covered?

CRS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Most young adults are not covered under their parents' insurance policies once they reach 22 or cease to be full-time students, said Madelyn Flannagan, spokeswoman for the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.

Many hold off buying health insurance until they land a full-time job with benefits. "So, many can't find insurance, or they don't want to pay the price. said Flannagan, who added that an individual policy can cost more than \$400 a month. But that's a gamble they shouldn't take in a world where the average

one-day hospital stay is \$3,000. If you're in this situation, some options you have include a COBRA extension of your par-ents' policy, student insurance through insurance agencies or your university, short-term insur-ance or individual long-term policies. Flannagan said vou should choose a policy based on what you can afford each month.

If you're searching for health insurance, get copies of all relevant records from your parents. Your new provider will want background information.

Also, make sure there isn't a time lapse between when your parents' coverage ends and when your new policy begins.

To find an individual health policy online, get free quotes at www.eHealthInsurance.com, or www.netquote.com, www.quickquote.com.

**EUROPEAN FORECAST** 

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rain-showers and isolated thunderstorms

Highs in the mid to upper 60s and lows in the lower to mid 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms. Highs in the mid to upper

60s and lows in the lower to mid 50s Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunder-storms in Bosnia and morning rain-showers in Croatia tomorrow. Highs

in the upper 70s to mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s. France: Mostly cloudy with rainshow-

rearise: wlostly cloudy winn rainshow-ers becoming partly cloudy tomorrow morning in the north and sunny in the south. Highs in the lower 70s to lower 80s and lows in the mid 50s to mid 60s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thun-derstorms. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the lower 40s to mid 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy

lower to mid 50s. Hungary: Mostly cloudy with highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s

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Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms and rainshowers. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the lower 80s.

Southern Italy: Sunny with highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s and lows in

Kosovo: Sunny becoming partly cloudy in the morning. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s and lows in the mid 50s.



## Norway: Cloudy with rainshowers with highs in the lower 60s and lows in the upper 40s. Portugal, Spain: Sunny with highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s and 104 for Moron with lows in the 60s. Turkey: Sunny with highs.in the mid 80s to mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s. For current weather watches, warn-ings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home page at https://ows.sembach.af.mii SUN & MOON

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#### Dress code relaxed

LOUISVILLE — Patrons of Louisville's new downtown entertainment district will be allowed to wear sports jerseys under a compromise reached Tuesday between the developer and protest-

ers.
About a dozen people gathered Monday at the entrance of Fourth
Street Live to protest a dress code that prohibited jerseys, sleeveless shirts and backward baseball caps on nights when the row of shops, bars and restaurants is blocked off for special

events.

A black leader and the ACLU meet with Cordish Co., which manages the project, to complain that the ban discriminates against blacks and poor people.

blacks and poor people. On Tuesday, Cordish agreed to ease the ban but said the dress code will still prohibit sleeveless shirts and baseball hats worn backward.

## Boy, 6, wins dino auction

NEW YORK — Little did a triceratops dinosaur imagine as he roamed what is now Montana more than 60 million years ago that his horn would end up on Park Avenue, fetching \$550 at auction.

The horn, one of hundreds of parts of prehistoric creatures being sold last week, could be as old as "100 million thousand billion centuries!" said 6-year-old Eamon Rush, after his \$550 bid won him the remnant.

Eamon showed up on Park Avenue in a bright tie-dyed top, so when he shot up with his paddle to signal his bid, everyone noticed. And the adults held back higher bids so the 6-year-old could win.

His mother was more interested in how to pay for the horn her son took home this week — \$550 plus an 18 percent auction house commission.

She found a quick solution: "We're going to have a major garage sale."

## **Truck beauty contest**

NE GRAND ISLAND — More than 100 truckers gussied up their rigs and prepared for a beauty contest like no other.

They shined, buffed and waxed their trucks last week at the Bosselman Travel Center to prepare for this year's Shell Rotella SuperRigs Truck Beauty Contest.

This is the first year Grand Island has hosted the annual event, which is touted as the "Oscars of truck shows."

Frankie Story, 54, spent hours beautifying his truck. He said its yellow color and shiny spinning rims attract attention.

"Boy, people will run over you just to get a look at them on the highway," he said.

The event includes musical performances and a free steak dinner for participants. Twelve winning trucks will be photographed in the area for the Rotella SuperRigs Cal-

#### Bethel a college no more

MN ARDEN HILLS — Bethel College announced Monday that it would change its name to Bethel University, making it part of a trend of dumping the title "college" for the more prestigious "university."

There is no official criteria for

drug selling.
In forfeiture papers filed in U.S. District Court, the U.S.
Drug Enforcement Administration says Grejda and McArdle laundered drug money when they paid \$160,000 for the boat in April.

### Snake hitches a ride

MADISON — A motorist found a slithery surprise not covered in his rental car agreement when a ball python stuck its head out from between his legs.

"He was completely in shock," said Officer Laura Walker. "I mean, he said he was lucky he didn't crash the car."

When Walker and animal control officer Tim Frank arrived to help Sunday, the 2½-foot constrictor snake was coiled around the seat's base. Walker said.

With some effort, Frank removed the black and gold snake and took it to the Dane County Hu-

mane Society.

The man had rented the car the night before and had driven it to Milwaukee and back and around Madison on Sunday, Walker said.

The snake was slightly dehydrat-

ed and was probably there for at least a week, Frank said. The snake was tame and likely hand-reared, Frank said, adding that ball snakes are very common

## Damages in clinic mix-up

NC WILMINGTON — A jury awarded \$435,000 to a woman who was accidentally inseminated with unprepared sperm at a fertility clinic.

In August 2002, Kelly Chambliss

In August 2002, Kelly Chambliss became violently ill just after a nurse practitioner inseminated her with the contents of an unlabeled syringe at the Coastal Area Health Education Center.

Two days later, Chambliss said clinic officials told her that she had been injected with "unwashed" sperm, which was left over from another client's procedure two days before and had proteins that had caused her uterus to contract.

Chambliss was also told she could have been exposed to diseases such as AIDS or hepatitis and wouldn't know for sure for about six months. She did not contract any diseases.

A judge on Feb. 5 found the nurse practitioner and clinic guilty of medical malpractice

## Ad needles Seattle

WA SEATTLE — An advertisement for an onion ring snack is making the folks who protect the Space Needle cry.

The Space Needle Corp. filed

suit in federal court against McCain Snack Foods after the food firm ran an advertisement in Restaurants and Institutions magazine featuring a giant onion ring atop the famous icon.

The ad was to promote the company's Moore's onion rings brand.
The text of the ad read: "With innovative new products like
Cracked Black Pepper Battered
Onion Rings, and Ranch Breaded
Onion Rings, Moore's boldly takes,
your menu to new taste frontiers."
Last week, the Space Needle
filed a trademark infringement
lawsuit in U.S. District Court
against McCain.

"We take our image very seriously," said Space Needle spokeswoman Mary Bacarella.



Big hair day
Niquea Laverne displays a hair style by
stylist Lisa B. of Turning Heads salon in
participant in "Hair Wars," a traveling show featuring local and

out-of-town hair designers who create fantasy hair-dos.



Taking in the view Alex, left, and Susan Cohen, visiting from Long Island, N.Y., take in the view along the Connecticut River on Sunday in Essex, Conn.



Take a little off the side Prissy the shiftur, gets a employee Megan Scott, on Tuesday in Tallahassee, Fla. According to an Anima Ald official, the high temperatures of summer are creating a greater number of owner requests to shear their dogs, especially the long-haired ones, so they will stuy cooler.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Bethel's governing board approved the new name Bethel University 18 months ago, and representatives of the college's affiliated church had the final say on Mon-

## Car crashes into hospital

day

WALNUT CREEK — A man was committed to John Muir Medical Center for psychological evaluation after crashing his car 120 feet into the lobby of the hospital over the weekend, police said.

Hospital employees called police to report that a man was driving erratically in the parking lot of the hospital. As police arrived minutes later, Daniel Raisor, 41, rammed his 2001 Nissan pickup truck through the front doors of the lobby, said Lt. Craig Zamolo.

No one was in the lobby at the time, but the impact destroyed the information desk inside the building he said.

### III-gotten boat seized

PA PITTSBURGH — Two pharmacists and business partners targeted in a federal investigation of a scheme to sell paintillers on the Internet without prescriptions are likely to lose a fancy boat they bought together two months ago.

Federal prosecutors have seized a 2003 Sea Ray Sundancer bought by Anthony Grejda and Charles McArdle and plan eventually to auction it as the proceeds of illegal



Now that's a fish

Bobby Capri Jr., 14, of Stafford Township, N.J., holds the 52.8 pound striped bass that he caught while in his kayak last week off Surf City, N.J. RIPES · JULY 2, 2004 PAGE 19



Whirling into dusk

The sun sets Monday as Garrard County fair-goers enjoy a ride in Bryantsville, Ky.



She loves chickens

Carole Morison, advocate for chicken farmers and poultry plant workers, walks through one of her chicken houses earlier this month at her Pocomoke City, Md., home. Morison has been awarded a Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program award, the nation's highest honor for community health leadership.



The Famous Chicken checks an umpire's eyesight as the San Angele Colts play the Streveport Sports in Shreveport, La., on Tuesday. Ted Giannoulas, the man in the chicken suit, has traveled all over world performing for the past 30 years.



Rounding an old curve

Wisitors watch the passing of a Conrall train around the Horseshoe

Curve recentlyin Altonon, Pa. The Horseshoe Curve, the world's

busiest mountain rail passage which enabled easy transport of freight over the Allegheny Mountains, celebrates
its 150th anniversary this year.

## | | Social worker shooting

NH NASHUA — A man accused of killing a social worker in 1999 is trying again to represent himself in court.

Daniel Ayer, 39, is on trial for a second time in the shooting death of Mark Rowland. His earlier conviction was overturned because he wasn't allowed to represent himself.

On Thursday, Ayer again said he wanted to handle his own defense, despite having two lawyers assigned to the case. He asked the court to declare a mistrial and described the judge's handling of the case as "a type of communism."

## Defendant plots to kill

GRANGEVILLE — A man in jail for selling sham medicinal water has been indicted on charges he tried to have a federal judge, a prosecutor and a tax agent killed.

David Hinkson, 47, was also accused of threatening to kill the children of both the prosecutor and federal agent as each watched.

The businessman is in jail, awaiting sentencing July 29 for tax evasion and selling misbranded drugs. He was convicted May 5 in a case involving his company WaterOz, which claimed its mineral water contained gold and silver and had medicinal properties.

## **Guilty plea entered**

HARTFORD — One of eight friends accused in the 1997 abduction, rape and murder of a 13-year-old girl pleaded no contest Tuesday to four charges, including felony murder.

As part of a plea agreement, 23-year-old Jeffrey Boyette Jr. is expected to be sentenced to 25 years in prison on Sept. 10. He also pleaded no contest to kidnapping, first-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor.

Measles, of New Milford, was kidnapped outside a grocery store and driven to the edge of a river, where she was raped and killed, authorities said.

Boyette, now of Killeen, Texas, is the third of the friends to be convicted in the case.

#### Camping for nude teens

NA RICHMOND — A lawsuit filed Tuesday challenges a new state law that effectively bans nude summer camps for teenagers, saying it violates the constitutional right to privacy.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued in federal court to keep the state from shutting down a no-clothing camp for juveniles in late July at the White Tail Park nudist camp in Ivor.

The law was passed in March in response to a weeklong residential camp for 11- to 18-year-olds last June at White Tail.

It was the first in Virginia and only the third such au naturel camp for juveniles in the nation, according to the American Association of Nude Recreation.

#### **Grazing lawsuit filed**

MT BUTTE — Three environmental groups sued Tuesday to stop a U.S. Forest Service livestock grazing plan in southwest Montana, west of Yellowstone Na-

tional Park.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court at Missoula by The Native Ecosystems Council, The Alliance for the Wild Rockies and The Ecology Center

It refers to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest's plan to manage about 48,000 acres in the Antelope Basin and Elk Lake area, north of the Redrocks Lake National Wildlife refuge. The groups contend the plan is skewed toward livestock at the expense of sage grouse and other wildlife dependent on sacebrush babitars.

Forest Service officials said 41 percent of the area won't be grazed by livestock during any given year under the new management plan, already in force. About 19,000 acres are rested each year under a rest-rotation grazing system, and another 5,500 acres have seen set aside to protect lands around lakes and sensitive streams.

#### Death row is hot, dirty

MS JACKSON — A federal appeals court ruled that conditions on Mississippi's death row are so bad that they amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, with inmates stuck in filthy, hot cells and given inadequate mental health care.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday ordered the state Department of Corrections to make changes including repairing toilets, adding screen windows and fans and improving mental health care.

The court also directed the state to house inmates with severe mental illnesses separately from others.

The state had argued that no inmate had suffered an illness or physical harm as a result of conditions cited in a lawsuit.

But the appeals panel upheld an earlier ruling by U.S. Magistrate Jerry Davis in favor of death row inmate Willie Russell and other prisoners who sued over the conditions at the state penitentiary at Panchman

#### More buses wanted

NH CONCORD — The Department of Transportation wants to increase the number of bus runs to Boston to help reduce traffic during the planned widening of Interstate 93.

As part of the \$420 million project to add lanes between Manchester and Salem, the state will spend about \$10 million to buy 10 buses and hire a private company to run them.

The arrangement will help bus companies turn a profit because although they have no trouble filling the buses in the morning and evenings, the buses sit idle in Boston most of the day.

### Fewer young smokers

AK ANCHORAGE — Fewer youths are taking up cigarettes, but just about as many adults as ever are continuing the habit, according to a state report.

The percentage of high school students who have taken a puff dropped from 72 percent in 1995 to 56 percent in 2003. The rate for adults has remained about 27 percent for more than a decade.

Stories and photos from The Associated

## **Howard Stern** expands show

## Shock jock returning to airwayes in 4 cities

BY ELIZABETH LESURE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Howard Stern's radio show is expanding to nine new markets, including four where his show was taken off the air over indecency concerns.

Stern's syndicated morning program will air on stations in Houston; San Diego; Tampa, Fla.; Pittsburgh; Orlando, Fla.; Austin, Texas; West Palm Beach, Fla.; Rochester, N.Y.; and Fresno, Calif., all owned by Infinity Broadcasting



ter, Orlando, San Diego, Pittsburgh and two other markets after com plaints by federal regulators. In early June, Clear Channel also agreed to a record \$1.75 million settlement with the Federal Communications Commission to resolve indecency complaints against Stern and other radio person

Stern made the announcement of his show's expansion at a Wednesday morning news conference aired live on his radio show

He also railed against the increased scrutiny he has received in recent months from the FCC. Stern and the FCC have battled for years, with Infinity paying \$1.7 million in 1995 to settle various violations by Stern.

Stern said the FCC's enforcement "has a chilling effect on all broadcasters

Federal law bars radio stations and over-the-air television channels from airing references to sexual and excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., when children may be tuning in. The rules do not apply to cable and satellite channels or satellite radio.

Infinity Broadcasting President Joel Hollander expressed support for Stern, saying: "Howard has dominated the radio landscape for more than 20 years.

Stern's listeners are "one of the most loval audiences in radio who will no doubt embrace his return," Hollander added

Clear Channel, in dumping Stern, said it feared any continued association with him and his show - which features sexually explicit talk and off-color humor - might lead to losing their station licenses.

Later Wednesday, Infinity Broadcasting sued Clear Channel in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, contending that Clear Channel violated its license agreements when it suspended Stern's program on six stations. It sought at least \$10 million in damages.

Within a couple weeks. Stern's show, which draws millions of die-hard listeners, will be on 45 stations - 27 owned by Viacom Inc.'s Infinity Broadcasting unit.

#### Eminem's ex-wife sentenced

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. - Eminem's ex-wife was sentenced Wednesday to at least four months in jail for leaving a court-ordered drug treatment program without

Macomb County Circuit Judge Edward Servitto sentenced Kim Mathers to a year in jail, but she only will have to serve 140 days. Then, she will be released to a

drug treatment program in Hazel Park. If Mathers successfully completes the program, the remainder of her jail time is suspended and she will be placed back on probation, said Russ Marlan, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Corrections. If she doesn't complete it, she will have to serve an additional one year in jail and then will be placed back on probation, Marlan said

Mathers and rapper Eminem, whose legal name is Marshall Bruce Mathers III, have a daughter, Hailie Jade Mathers

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## Spears: Marrying for love

This time, she's marrying for love, **Britney Spears** said of her recent engagement to dancer **Kevin Federline**.



"Marrying Kevin was the last thing I was thinking about doing," Spears tells People magazine in its July 12 issue. "But then I said, 'You know what? This is my life and I don't care what people think. I'm going to get married. I'm in love with him.

Spears, 22, and Federline, 26, began dating a few months ago, after her Las Vegas wedding to childhood friend Jason Alexander in January. That marriage was annulled 55 hours later.

Of the quickie Vegas ceremony, "That thing was a total ugh," she

says. "I was not in love at all Federline popped the question on an airplane while flying with Spears from Ireland to New York after the European leg of her tour.

"I kissed a bunch of frogs and finally found my prince," says Spears. "I feel like I've found my happily ever after."

#### Injured Bowie bows out

A pain in the shoulder, which stopped David Bowie halfway through his concert in Prague, has now forced the singer to cancel the rest of his Eu-

ropean tour, he announced Wednes-

day.
"Due to the continuing pain and discomfort extreme from trapped/pinched nerve in his shoulder and to prevent possible further injury, David Bowie has been advised by his doctors to cancel his performances at the 11 remaining European dates throughout July," said an announcement on his Web site, www.davidbowie.com. The singer had already canceled

two dates in Austria, in Vienna and

Salzburg. The latest announcement also included dates in France, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Switzerland and Scot-

#### Teen star's dad arrested again

Teen movie star Lindsay Lohan's father has been arrested on a charge of theft of services after allegedly skipping out on a \$3,800 bill for several suites at a posh Long Island hotel

and catering facility Michael Lohan, 42, was arrested

Tuesday at Nassau County Court in Mineola, where he was to appear for a conference on unrelated charges, said Suffolk County Police Lt. Kenneth Fasano Lohan was arrested shortly before

he was to appear before a Nassau County judge to face charges that he struck his brother-in-law at a first communion party at the family's

Merrick home on May 23. He also faces prosecution in Manhattan, where he was arraigned this month on assault and other charges for allegedly swearing at a sanitation worker whose truck was blocking his car, then punching him in the face.

## Kidman finds kids and dating don't mix

Being a single mother makes it difficult to find a mate even when you're Nicole Kidman

"I'm hoping to meet someone and be happy with them. But that's not as easy as it sounds

I'm a 37-year-old woman with two children. Men aren't beating a path to my door," she said in an interview published Wednesday in the latest issue of Now magazine.

"I don't want to sound like a woman from a lonely hearts club and I don't want to advertise. The children are my priority. I take them around with me — movies or base-ball games or local shows — and that's not so appealing for any new

man on the scene, is it?" she said. The Oscar-winning star of "The Hours" has been single since breaking up with rock star

Lenny Kravitz earlier this year. She and ex-husband Tom Cruise share custody of their children, 11-year-old Isabella and 9-year-old Connor.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



# Dark secrets

Wayans brothers go deep under cover to portray 'White Chicks' in latest flick

> BY MIKE SZYMANSKI Zap2it.com

Keenen Ivory Wayans couldn't think of a more difficult role for his brothers. As they were sitting around one day, flipping through magazines, talking about their next project together, the guys who collaborated on "Scary Movie" and "In Living Color" saw an article about white socialite debutantes in the Hamptons. Keenen decided to turn his black brothers into "White

Shawn and Marion Wayans both were up for the funny idea, but weren't aware at first that it would take up to six hours for them to have the makeup, hair pieces and body paint put on — and more than half that time to take it off

"We expected them to lose it at some point, but they never did," says makeup artist Keith VanderLaan. "It was as grueling taking it off, because you didn't want to hurt

VanderLaan teamed up with Greg Cannom, who won an Oscar for makeup when he turned Robin Williams into a nanny for "Mrs. Doubtfire."

They faced the challenge of creating facial prosthetics

for the two handsome African-American men with strong chiseled features

"We couldn't use too much makeup because they be-came drag queens — we had to soften them," Cannom ex-

The story is about two FBI agents who try to foil a kid-napping plot by becoming socialites Tiffany and Brittany Wiston. They have to try to fool their friends, family and old boyfriends. The three brothers wrote the screenplay together while the two actors each lost 30 pounds to look

tomer scale for their near values.

Producer Lee K. Mays, who worked with Keenan on "Lowdown Dirty Shame," says this basn't been done before in the movies. He points to how Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis looked like dowdy ladies in "Some Like it Hot" and a black man was turned into a white man for "True Identity," but insists, "I don't think anybody taken to whate the man direct make the wood was the man and tried to make them two young at-

They had to cast two white women who looked like sistres but also had the same basic shape of their male coun-terparts. "It was the weirdest audition I've ever been on," says actress Maitland Ward, who plays Brittany.



Brothers Marlon, Shawn, Damon and Keenen Ivory Wayans pose for photographs during arrivals for a screening of "White Chicks" in Los Angeles last month.

They measured the distance between her eyes and nose, her lips, chin and every feature of her face. Anne Dudek plays her sister.

The most difficult makeup challenge was to figure out a way to cover up all of Shawn and Marlon's dark skin. Cannom created a new base to cover the skin and then put Revion Color Stay over that.

"What happens, when you use lighter makeup to paint over dark skin like that, is that it turns gray," Cannom

over dark skin like that, is that it turns gray," Cannom says. "On too f that, we spattered on some timy freckles and reddish dots to... look more realistic." When Marlos stood next to him with full makeup, wig and contact lenses in place, Cannom says he was shocked. "It really freaded me out because there was nothing of Marlon there. For a second, it unnerved me IVen entre had that reaction before, so I knew it must be pretty

Producer Rick Alvarez recalls, "It was outrageous. They were talking like white girls, dancing like white girls, they literally became white girls in front of our

For Shawn, it got a bit too much. Some of the actress on the set forgot that there were guys underneath all the makeup. He says, "We got into some of their private girl talk, and it was gross. Too much information.

"White Chicks" opens nationwide on Wednesday.

## Horoscope

Many folks take off work now to start the Fourth of July weekend early — the full moon rakes such arrangements seem irresist-lible. This full moon is in respectful Capricorn, which is as patriotic as it gets for

arrangements seem irresistible. This full moon is in respectful Capricom, which is as patriotic as it gets for this occasion! Plans that focus on honoring all that's right about the United States of America will be the most successful.

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committed than ever it
enjoy a colorful year featuring many new 'characters'
in your personal drama. This month
shows you making money hand
over fist. Single people move this

answered in August.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
You have an insatiable appetite for learning, You'll be surprised to discover that romance seems like a distraction, even a hindrance, to your quest. Paradoxically, this

fall, finding a new world of social and

romantic opportunity. Couples:

Marriage is the question that is

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

makes you all the sexier.

The stars will turbo-charge you, so it's likely you will go for an extra round of exercise, catch one more errand than you planned or handle a couple more meetings than were scheduled. Avoid formalities, and get right to the point.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).
You've chosen a colorful crowd, as usual. But what you'll learn about some of your friends will be most unusual and not at all what you expected. Enthusiastically support others for their differences as well as their similarities

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
Social energy is whirling, It only takes a smile to start a conversation. But when it comes to making plans for the future, casual as they may be, you must decide very carefully whom you want in your life on a reoular basis.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your intuitive channels are wide open. It's difficult to be around anyone with upsetting habits or a natural tenden-

cy to push the emergency buttons. Face the truth about a relationship, and handle a less-than-optimum situation.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Rushing about is one way to get the

job done but not the smart way.
Accomplishing goals with
the fewest moves is the
name of the game. Take
precautions. Call to confirm appointments, bring
the map, and allow for

traffic.

LIBRA (Sept.
23-Oct. 23). You are wise and full of workable solutions. Invite people to your way of thinking. A

sense of emotional well-being makes it easier for you to communicate your concepts in a simple, accessible way.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Optimism will conquer your fear of the unknown. Act for the good of all (or at least most). Although you feel a strong connection with a sweetie, it's not the time to ask for a commitment. Promises made now are easily broken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You might be surprised at your own outrageousness! Something you want/need/covet is available, and you'll do just about anything to get it, including braving the traffic and crowds. Whew!

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). There's a mixed bag of cosmic energies affecting you. The cast of characters is a regular circus talented people expressing themselves in ways you never would have dreamed. Laughter, music and poetry fill your world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's some satisfaction when people around you point out how popular you are — it's almost embar rassing, but why should you be modest? Not only do you know

#### everyone; you know the right people. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You thoroughly enjoy your own company! And why shouldn't you? The more time you spend getting to know yourself, your tendencies and your talents, the more attractive you become. Banish self-imposed limitations.

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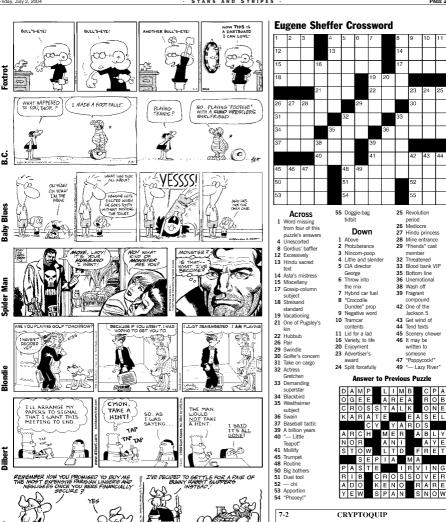




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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals A

## Don't get burned by fireworks

Dear Abby: With Independence Day approaching, I'm asking for your help in reminding your millions of readers about the danger of fireworks, especially to the eyes.

Each year during Fourth of July celebrations, thousands of adults and children are seriously injured as a result of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices. Many of the injuries affect eyesight, perma-nently damaging — and in some cases blinding – the victims. In response, the American Optometric Association (AOA) urges people to refrain from using fireworks and to instead enjoy profession

al displays. About two-thirds of fire works-related injuries are burns. Most of the burns involve the hands, eyes, head and face. Almost half of the victims are under 15 years of age, and 75 nercent of them are male. The most frequent cause of fireworks injuries requiring trips to the

This may come as a surprise, but rs are also not safe from

Data from the U.S. Eve Injury Registry reveals that half of all fireworks injuries occur to bystanders.

Dear Abby

So, on this Fourth of July, members of the AOA urge your readers to protect their eyes by avoiding fireworks and enjoying professional displays from a safe

- Dr. Wesley Pittman, President, A.O.A Dear Dr. Pittman:

Thank you for the timely reminder.
Although many people, young and old,

regard fireworks as harmless fun, the facts show

So, a word to the wise: Have a "blast" on the Fourth of July but do it in a way that will protect yourselves and your famiDear Abby: I am 17 and currently involved with a guy from school. The guy that I was with for a year and a half (my ex) wants to marry me. I still have feelings for him, but not like I used to.

I like my new boyfriend and don't really want to leave him. When my ex and I broke up, it was only supposed to be "a little time apart." My ex showed signs that he was moving on, so I did the same. Now that he wants to get back together, I don't know

— Pulled in Two Directions Dear Pulled: You are 17 years old and on the brink of a bright and exciting future. Why are you in such a hurry to make a permanent commitment? Since you have already "moved on," should continue moving on. When the right man comes along, you won't need to ask anyone what to do — you'll know.

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## Girlfriend cannot be trusted

Dear Annie: Lam a 49-year-old married man with three children and I had an affair with my 34-year-old office assistant. We both are now separated from our original partners, although we are not living with each other. "Cora" lives with her three children from her two previous relationships. We are still seeing

Here's the thing. After we started going out, Cora began e-mailing her first ex-husband in a sexually explicit way. There were some heavy phone conversa tions going on as well. When I confronted Cora, she said she only wanted revenge for some nasty things her ex had done, and she was trying to fool him into thinking she'd sleep with him. Cora promised to stop corresponding, but a few weeks later, she did it again

Cora also has exchanged some extremely flirtatious e-mails with an ex-boyfriend, but she insists she loves me and would never be



she has trouble handling this (crying jags, screaming). - Fearful

in Puerto Rico Dear Fearful: It's time to listen to your brain instead of your

libido. Cora cannot be trusted, and if she isn't cheating on you now, she probably will get around to it sooner or later. It counseling didn't help, the relationship is not likely to improve, although counseling may still be a good idea for you alone.

If reconciling with your wife is not an option, at least stop letting Cora manipulate you. It's not going to work. Move on.

Dear Annie: I'm a 19-year-old female, and I have been seeing a 27-year-old guy who is respectful and kind. We gether and kiss a lot, but he tells me that even though I have all the qualities he wants in a girl,

we are not "a couple The reason he can't be with me is because we are of different religions. I have been to his church, but I don't feel comfortable there. He says he would date me if I converted and he wants this desperately. I like him a lot, but I don't want to convert.

- Desperate in Washington State Dear Desperate: You should find someone for whom your religion is not an issue. You are still plenty young, and a 27-year-old may be too interested in a serious relationship to be

suitable for you right now. Since you apparently are not "a couple." this would be a good time to break things off before it becomes too hurtful to do so. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Miltchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

### **Family Circus**



"I don't want the white crayon. It doesn't work."

# GRAFFITI **Dennis the** HANOL







Who are we kidding, Luke? We know this is





# for hot summer

BY EMMANUEI GEORGES-PICOT The Associated Press

PARIS - Hospitals, retirement homes and the government are ready to combat a potential heat wave in case of a replay of soar-ing temperatures that left thousands dead last summer, the French health minister said Thursday.

"The system, today, is ready, Philippe Douste-Blazy told reporters after a Cabinet meeting on new measures to guard against another catastrophe.

Nearly 15,000 people - most of them elderly - died from heat-related causes after record temperatures struck much of France last summer. Officials cited unpreparedness in the health care system

The conservative government came under intense criticism for failing to act fast enough to stem the death toll, blamed on a range of problems from lack of air condi tioning and staffing shortages at retirement homes to summertime vacationing by doctors and nurses.

Douste-Blazy said the government had increased staffing at hospitals nationwide, hiring 754 people to work in geriatric wards and 745 people in emergency rooms About 80 percent of retirement

homes in the country now have what the government calls "cool a common room with an air conditioner, said Hubert Falco, minister for the elderly.

Temperature readings last August soared to record levels in

## Spain heat deaths up

MADRID, Spain — Two deaths in Spain on Thursday appeared to be related to a heat wave that has seen temperatures climb above 104 Fahrenheit in central and southern parts of the country. The fatalities bring the death toll in the heat wave to three.

In the southern city of Cordo ba, a 72-year-old man died of heat stroke, said the health de-partment in Andalusia, the region where the city is located

In Madrid, a 69-year-old man with previous health prob lems stemming from obesity died of a "multiorganic dis-function related to heat stroke," said Fernando Martin, the spokesman for the central region's health ministry.

The first death thought to be heat-related came Wednesday, when a 48-year-old-man died in Ciudad Real after taking an afternoon bicycle ride. From The Associated Press

France, often topping 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

Critics have questioned the governmen's highly touted efforts to-ward better vigilance this sum-mer. Hospitals and retirement homes said that funding — large-ly earmarked for cool rooms, fans, and air conditioning — was not always reaching the proper recipients and has been siphoned off by other needy health care services instead.

# Authorities question suspected child killer

BRUSSELS, Belgium French and Belgian investigators questioned confessed child killer Michel Fourniret on Thursday ahead of a search of castle grounds in northern France where he is believed to have buried some victims

'We would really like to start aearch ans after-noon," the search this after-Cedric Visart Bocarme, investigating magistrate in the city of Namur. "But it's not that easy.

said

Investigators were studying evidence in an effort to narrow the search on the 32-acre grounds of a chateau in the Ardennes forest in northern France, Bocarme

They were also interrogating

city of Dinant in the hope he would reveal more details about where he might have hid the bodies

In a case that has horrified Belgium barely a week after the trial of child killer Marc Dutroux, Belgian magistrates announced Wednesday that Fourniret had admitted to six murders in France

Magistrates said 62-year-old Frenchman, a former forest ranger, is also a suspect in at least three other murders during a rape and killing spree following his release from prison in

The state prosecutor in the western French city of Nantes said he had reopened an investigation into the 1990 murder of 13-year-old Natacha Danais fol-lowing revelations in the

Fourniret case. On Wednesday, Visart Bocarme said Fourniret had told investigators that he kidnapped raped and murdered 12-year-old Elisabeth Brichet in Namur in 1989. He said Fourniret also confessed to five other murders in

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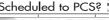
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Thursday's gam
Phoenix at Charlotte
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Friday's game
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## Soccer

## European Championship

SEMIFINALS Wednesday, June 30 At Lisbon, Portugal At Lisbon, Portuga Igal 2, Netherlands 1 Thursday, July 1 At Porto, Portugal ce vs. Czech Republic CHAMPIONSHIP Portugal 2 I

## Major League Soccer

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Colorado	- 4	3	6	18	12	12
San Jose	- 4	3	5	17	21	17
Dallas	- 4	4	4	16	14	15

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie. Wednesday's game Colorado 3, MetroStars 2 Saturday's games
MetroStars at D.C. United
Chicago at Columbus

Chicago at Columbus
Dallas at Kansas City
Sunday's games
New England at Colorado
San Jose at Los Angeles

## **Tennis**

#### Wimbledon

Thursday At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet The All England Lawn Tennis & Croc Club Wimbledon, England Purse: \$17.86 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Grass-Outdoor Singles Women Semifinals

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Maria Sharapova (13), Russia, def. Lindsay
Davenport (5), United States, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def
Amelie Mauresmo (4), France, 6-7 (4), 7-5
6-4.

6-4. Doubles
Doubles
Mark Knowles, Bahamas, and Daniel
Nestor. (5), Canada, def, Justin Gimelstob
Julian Knowle, Austria, and Nenad Zimorie (16), Canada, def, Justin Gimelstob
Lulian Knowle, Austria, and Nenad Zimorie (16), Serba-Montenegro, def, Wayne
Black and Kevin Uilyett (6), Zimbabwe, 7-5,
4-5, 6-4.

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## Deals

Wednesday's transactions

WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL—Nar watkins CLEN INTERNATIONAL—Names indy Longenberger corporate sales manager. Ryan Mosher corporate sales executive and Eiron Jones public relations manager. BASEBALL

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Purchased the con-ract of OF Chad Mottola from Ottawa of the

IL.

BOSTON RED SOX—Signed RHP Pedro Astacio to a minor league contract.

DETROIT TIGERS—Placed RHP Danny
Patterson on the 15-day DL, retroactive to
June 28. Recalled LHP Steve Colyer from Toleof the IL. ANSAS CITY ROYALS—Fired John Cumber-d pitching coach, Named Mike Mason inerim pitching coach.

MINNESOTA TWINS-Optioned RHP Matt

Guerrier to Rochester of the IL.

National League

ARZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed RHP
Shane Reynolds on the 15-day DL and INF
Greg Colbrunn on the 50-day DL Recalled
RHP Greg Aquino from Tucson of the PCL
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Purchased the contract of OF Quinton Mc-Cracken from Tucson.
CINCINNATI REDS—Announced OF John Vander Wal has been reinstated off the tem-porary inactive list with Louisville of the IL and OF Reggle Taylor was released by Louis-ville. Signed C Lonny Roa, 2B Trevor Lawhorn and RHP Ben Parker.

ville Signed Clomy vo., 28 Frevor Lawnorn
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with
C Lou Santangelo, OF Mitch Einertson, INF
Onny ASh and MR Eyna Triplett.
Bright Signed Signe

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Announced C Erick Dampler has opted out of his contract and has become a free agent. Named Terry Stotts assistant coach.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Made a qualify ing offer to G Quentin Richardson. SACRAMENTO KINGS—Named T.R. Dunn as

sistant coach.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Named Pete Bab cock director of NBA player personned Pete Bab-cock director of NBA player personnel. American Basketball Association FORT WORTH TYCOOKS—Named Mike Senters vice president of basketball opera-tions.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Waived LB Lewis Moore

nd C Brian Pare.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Exerc o-year option on the contract of D Keith

Carney.

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms
with F Serge Aubin, F Brad Larsen, F Ben

with F. Serge, Aubin, F. Brad Larsen, F. Ben Simon and F. Kevin Doell. BOSTON BRUINS—Re-signed D Jonathan Gir graft to a one-year contract, Made qualifying offers to D Hal Gill, D Sergel Gonchar, C Andy Hilbert, LW Wan Huml, D Zdenek Kutlak, GAn-drew Raycroft, LW Sergel Samsonov and C

Joe Thornton.

DALLAS STARS—Made qualifying offers to
D John Erskine, D Dan Jancevski, RW Mike
Siklenka, LW Jaroslav Svoboda and LW Math-Sisting and Land and Law Markets and Law Markets FLORIDA PANTHERS—Made qualifying of Florist Law Eric Beaudoin, LW Christian Berglund, LW Niklas Hagma, LW Darcy Hordhuk, LW Ryan Jardine, C Olii Jokinen, RW Juraj Kolnik, C Vaclav Nedorost, LW Josh Dison, RW Denis Shivdki and D Mike Van

NSON, RW Denis January LOS ANGELES KINGS—Re-signed LW Luc kobitaille to a one-year contract. Signed D stephane Quintal to a one-year contract. MINNESOTA WILD—Exercised club options on C Marc Chouinard and RW Alexandre

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## **Armstrong vows fight** to protect reputation

LIEGE, Belgium - Lance Armstrong promised on Thursday to spare no effort in defending himself against a new book that suggests the cycling great used per-formance-enhancing drugs.

Two days before he begins his

quest for a record sixth straight Tour de France title, Armstrong said he feels stronger than he did last year, when he won his fifth straight crown.

The three-week race starts Saturday with a short time trial in Liege, Belgium. Four other riders have won five Tours but none made it to six. They include Belgian Eddy Merckx, still regarded by many as the best of the by many five-time champions.

Armstrong's preparations have been overshadowed by sugges-tions of doping in the book, "L.A Confidential, The Secrets of

Lance Armstrong."

Journalists David Walsh and Pierre Ballester included testimo ny from a former Armstrong aide, Emma O'Reilly, who claimed the rider asked her to dis pose of used needles and give him makeup to cover injection marks

on his right arm.

Armstrong, 32, who has repeatedly insisted he is drug free, dised the book's charges.

"Extraordinary accusations must be followed with extraordiaccusations nary proof and Mr. Walsh and Ballester have worked four or five years and they have not come up with extraordinary proof," he said.

"The case is now incredibly complicated and will be a long one. I have engaged lawvers in both France and England and I will spend whatever it takes how ever long it takes, to bring justice to the case.'

#### Ex-NBA star Murphy indicted on sexual abuse counts

HOUSTON - NBA Hall of Famer Calvin Murphy was indicted Thursday on six counts of sexually abusing five of his daughters more than 10 years ago.
The former Houston Rockets

star, who is on leave from his job as an analyst for Rockets telecasts, also was arraigned on three counts of aggravated sexual assault and three counts of indecency with a child, assistant district attorney Lance Long said.

"Calvin adamantly insists that he is innocent of these charges and is anxious to present his side to a jury at trial," Murphy's law-yer, Rusty Hardin, said.

Murphy was charged March 29 after five daughters accused him of sexually abusing them be-tween 1988 and 1991, when they ranged in age from 6 to 13. Murnhy 55 has contended the allega tions stem from a family battle over money, an explanation Long has dismissed.

He remains free on \$20,000 bail. If convicted, Murphy could receive five years to life in prison for the aggravated offenses and two to 20 years for the indecency violations. He also could be eligible for probation because he does

not have a criminal history. Murphy, a guard for the Rockets from 1970 to 1983, has 14 children by nine women.

## Sports briefs

#### Yankees' Sheffield in dispute with former agent Boras

NEW YORK — Gary Sheffield contends Scott Boras, his former agent, has no right to a percent-age of the salary he's earning with the New York Yankees.

Boras filed paperwork requesting 5 percent of the \$39 million, three-year contract Sheffield signed with the Yankees last offseason, the New York Post reported. Boras said Sheffield agreed to let him represent the outfielder when his last contract with Atlanta ran out, the newspaper said. Sheffield disagrees, saying he

negotiated his current deal with Yankees owner George Steinbrenner himself. And the slugger said he hired a lawyer to file a grievance on his behalf. 'He feels like he's [entitled] to

the contract that I did myself, like he assisted me, even though he didn't have anything to do with "Sheffield said Wednesday, referring to Boras

Boras denied Sheffield's allega-

"There is a resolution process when player and agent disputes arise in which we submitted a claim," Boras said. "This process is something that will take place outside of the season and we trust the focus should remain on the season, the performance of the team and a player's own performance. It's unfortunate baseless allegations regarding these matters are discussed during a base ball season."

## Royals fire pitching coach

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals, with the worst record (29-45) and sec-ond-worst staff ERA (4.96) in the American League, fired pitching coach John Cumberland Wednesday. Mike Mason, the organization's

roving pitching instructor, will be the interim pitching coach for the rest of the season.

#### Blue Jays' Hentgen dropped from rotation

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Former Cy Young Award winner Pat Hentgen was dropped Wednesday from the Toronto Blue Jays' rotation.

Hentgen went 2-8 with a 6.42 ERA in 15 starts this season. He will now work long relief.

"It was a tough decision for " manager Carlos Tosca said. "He's such a quality guy. His strength was always to be able to locate. It's just not there. He can't

Hentgen walked 38 and allowed 82 hits - including 16 homers — in 75<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

### Red Wings sign Draper

DETROIT - Center Kris Draper re-signed with the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday, agreeing to a four-year contract Draper, 33, had career-high 24

goals last season and won the Selke Trophy as the NHL's top defensive forward



## RACING STRIPES

# The chase within the race

## Starting with Pepsi 400, next 10 events all about position for Cup shootout

The Associated Press

DAYTONA REACH Fla ven from his perch atop the points standings, Jimmie Johnson hasn't wavered in his dislike for NASCAR's new championship system.

Johnson heads into the Pepsi 400 Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway with a 27-point lead over Dale Earnhardt Jr., an advantage that doesn't mean as much as it used to

Under NASCAR's new formula, all drivers in the top 10 in the standings and anyone within 400-points of the leader will start over after the 26th race of the season. Those drivers will then comnete in a 10-race shootout to crown the champion.

"I don't feel it really represents what a true champion needs to do in the course of a year," Johnson said. "Our sport is founded on long races and a long season. I think our point system should reflect that.

Johnson believes NASCAR created the new system to add a bit of drama to what had become ho-hum points races over the final stretch of the season.

"It has a lot of entertainment value, but when you're a competitor looking to find an advantage working the sport year 'round, I don't think this point system really reflects what we have to do week in and week out." he

The push for the championship chase begins with the Pepsi 400. the first of the final 10 races before NASCAR sets the field for

Heading into Saturday night, at least a dozen drivers were in posi-



Nextel Cup points leader Jimmie Johnson is no fan of NASCAR's new system for crowning a Cup champion. "It has a lot of entertainment value, but when you're a competitor looking to find an advantage and working the sport year 'round, I don't think this point system really reflects what we have to do week in and week out." he said

tion to make the cut. Several others were on the fringe - reaching all the way back to 19th-place Sterling Marlin, who was 688 points back. A few good finishes could loft even Marlin into the 400-point range

NASCAR chairman and CEO

Brian France thinks that's the beauty of the new system. Once the points reset for the final 10 drivers who normally would have zero chance at winning the championship are now contenders.

'You're seeing drivers that

that are not out of it today." France said. "So it's going to be what we all hoped for, a lot more excitement a lot more drama, a lot more fan hases energized as a result of the system. And frankly,

the competition has heated up." Johnson has been fairly consistent in his five previous Daytona starts -- three top 10s, and his lowest finish was 18th in this race last year. But he knows everyone behind him is coming after him. and the high-speeds at Daytona's 2.5-mile su-

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**Brian France** 

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"There is so much on the line to be that 400-point cut, I would expect to see

NASCAR chairman and CEO some crazy things hap-pening," he said. "After this weekend, we'll all have a pretty good idea of how things will lay out and who's in contention and who

needs to be desperate." Earnhardt, who won this event in 2001 and captured the season-opening Daytona 500 this year, will not be one of the desperate drivers. He's been a firm fixture at or near the top of the standings all season, and that's not expected to change after Saturday

He's got nine victories in 27 starts at Daytona in various NASCAR series and has finished seventh or better in the past three Pensi 400s

Earnhardt, who has seemed to master the restrictor-plate races ready to race for another win

Davtona rewards a good handling car," he said. "Look at how the 500 developed - it was more spread out than in the past because good handling cars were able to pull away from the pack. I think you'll see more of that this weekend.'

Michael Waltrip, Earnhardt's teammate at Dale Earnhardt Inc., is expected to be among the top contenders. Waltrip has won three of the past seven races at

Daytona and his team headed into Pepsi the 400 on a roll he posted top-10 finishes his last 10 races to climb from 30th to 18th

in the standings. But Waltrip knows how quickly things

can go wrong at Daytona: He was in a frightening wreck in the sea-son-opener, flipping his car at least three times and finishing 38th

Don't count out Jeff Gordon Johnson's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports who is coming off last weekend's dominating win on

the road course in California. But Gordon already scored a restrictor-plate win this year at Talladega, and he's never won two

plate races in the same year. Still, he thinks the Hendrick fleet should give the DEI cars some competition. "We're making gains in our

plate program," he said, "and hopefully we'll be challenging for the win at the end of the race

## NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Last race: Jeff Gordon overcame his bad luck the previous week and won the Dodge/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma, Calif., for his third victory of the season

## Race 17: Pepsi 400, 1 a.m. Sunday CET, AFN-Pacific Michigan before leaving with engine

failure.

Gordon led 81 of the first 88 laps at





Last year: Greg Biffle became the first rookie to win a Nextel Cup race at Daytona International Speedway with his victory in the Pepsi 400.



Qualifying record Bill Elliott, 201,364 mph, 1987. 400-mile race record bby Allison, 173.473 mph 500-mile race record Buddy Baker, 177.602 mph, February 17, 1980.

Michael Waltrip has six top-10 finish-es in his last six races... Dale Earn-hardt Jr. drove to an emotional victory in the 2001 race, where his father was killed. He also won the sea-son-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 15. Only four deliver have four drivers have swept both Daytor races in the sam swept pum bay, races in the same season, none since Bobby Allison in 1982. Richard Petty re-corded his 200th car reer NASCAR victory

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## BUSCH SERIES

dropped a lap behind when the first caution flag came out while he was in the pits, but rebounded and took the

son-opening Hershey's Kisses 300 at Daytona on Feb. 14. ... Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. share the series lead for most top-five finishes (8) and most top-10 placings (12) this season.

Last race: Dan Wheldon took advan-tage of a late crash that knocked out Sam Hornish Jr. and Tomas Scheckter, final lap to win the ar plaqued SunTrust Indy Challer

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

## CHAMP CARS

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This week: French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours. Last race: Michael Schumacher won the U.S. Grand Prix in Indianapolis on June 20. June 20.

Last year: Ralf Schumacher won the French Grand Prix for his second straight victory. Michael Schumacher finished third.

# Sharapova, Williams rally to reach final

BY STEPHEN WILSON

WIMBLEDON, England — Serena Williams rallied from a set and 3-1 down — winning three key points with a cracked racket — to defeat Amelie Mauresmo and advance to the Wimbledon final for the third straight year.

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both players.

Williams will face 17-year-old Maria
Sharapova in Saturday's final. Sharapova,
who also came back from a set and 3-1
down, beat former champion Lindsay paenport, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 to confirm her repu-

tation as the biggest new star in the game.

It took nearly 2½ hours for Williams to overcome Mauresmo, who received treatment several times on her lower back but pushed the champion to the limit.

when the Frenchwoman hit a forehand wide on match point, Williams jumped high into the air with her arms extended. She curtsied and blew kisses to the Centre Crowd, which gave the players a standing

"This is definitely the most special moment in my career, right now," Williams

said.
It's the first trip back to a Grand Slam final for Williams since she beat her sister Venus for last year's Wimbledon title.

She underwent surgery on her left knee last August and was sidelined for eight



Serena Williams punches the air as she wins a point against Amelie Mauresmo during the semifinals at Wimbledon. Williams will play Maria Sharapova in the final on Saturday.

months.

"It was really tough out there today," Williams said. "I was more excited than anything because it's been a really tough year for me. I'm here and I really feel like I'm playing good again."

Playing in her first Grand Slam semifinal, Sharapova hit a stunning 46 winners — 20 more than Davenport — to overcome the 1999 champion 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1. She's the first Russian woman to reach the Winn-

bledon final since Olga Morozova in 1974. "It's unbelievable," Sharapova said. "I'm in the final. It's absolutely crazy. It's my favorite Grand Slam. I never in the world expected to do so well here, so early. I'm

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When Sharapova ripped a forehand winner off a Davenport first serve to go up 4-1

in the third set, the match was all but over.
She held at love in the next game and
then broke a demoralized Davenport to
end the contest. After hitting a running
backhand winner to set up match point,
Sharapova stroked a deep return and Dav-

enport pushed a forehand long.
Sharapova looked up at the sky, covered her mouth in amazement and waved and blew kisses to all corners of the Centre Court stadium. She's the youngest Wimbledon finalist since Martina Hingis, who won the title in 1997 at 16.

The 28-year-old Davenport, winner of three Grand Slam titles, said it was probably her last match at Wimbledon. She's con-

sidering retiring next year.
"I'd be surprised if I was back," she said.
The 1 hour, 53-minute match featured tremendous shotmaking by Sharapova, who hit 20 forehand winners from the baseline. She also managed to neutralize Davenport's big serve and, despite eight dou-

ble-faults, served six aces of her own.
"She totally deserved it," Davenport said. "I had control of the match and she took it from me. When I started to have a chance here or there, she always came up with great shots."

The match turned Sharapova's way after a 52-minute rain delay in the second sex with Davenport leading 2-1. After Davenport held for 3-1, Sharapova won 12 of the next 16 points to go up 4-3. She never trailed again.

"From the rain delay at 2-1, from then on, she definitely stepped up her game and from that point on was more in control of the match than I was in control of the tempo of the rallies." Davenport said.

## No. 1 Federer, No. 2 Roddick on a collision course

BY STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Wimbledon is two matches away from the men's final everyone wants to see: Roger Federer vs. Andv Roddick.

Federer is the top-seeded defending champion with the classic all-court game; No. 2 Roddick is the U.S. Open champ with the brute power and fastest serve in tennis.

Federer epitomizes Swiss reserve, Roddick oozes American brashness.

They met in the Wimbledon

semifinals last year, with Federer winning in straight sets. He went on to beat Mark Philippoussis for his first Grand Slam title.

This time, they reached the semis from opposite halves of the draw

On Friday, Federer will face Sebastian Grosjean — a third repeat semifinalist from last year — and Roddick will play 20-year-old Mario Ancic, a protégé of former Croatian champion Goran Ivanisevic

Federer made the final four by beating 2002 winner Lleyton Hewitt in a compelling Centre Court match that ended just before dusk Wednesday night. Federer won 6-1, 6-7 (1), 6-0, 6-4 to extend his grass-court winning streak to 22 matches.

"He's a shot-maker out there,"





AP photo

Top-seeded Roger Federer, left, and No. 2 Andy Roddick appear to be headed for a classic confrontation in the championship at Wimbledon.

Hewitt said. "He's going to be a tough player to beat on grass. I'd be very surprised if he doesn't win his third major on Sunday."

Federer lost his first set of the tournament against Hewitt. He also was broken for the first time in 105 service games at Wimbledon going back to last year's quarterfinals. But after the break put Hewitt up in the fourth set, Federer broke right back and proceeded to close out the match. He finished with 19 aces.

"He doesn't have a Roddick kind of serve with brute power," Hewitt said. "He serves to set up the point with his strengths. He's got great variety out there. That's what makes him such a great play-

Roddick, who hasn't lost a set in five matches, outsluged Sep. Schalken 7-6 (4), 7-6 (9), 6-3. He served 18 aces and closed the match with a leaping overhead winner, though he mistimed his jump and landed off balance—not quite the graceful "slam-dunk" style popularized by Pete Sampras during his run to seven titles.

"I was too excited," Roddick said. "I'm looking just to finish it off. I got up way too early so I couldn't really take a full swing at it. It felt like the ball wasn't getting to me. I was thinking I was going to flag it into the back fance."

Unseeded Ancic beat No. 5 Tim Henman 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2, leaving the 29-year-old British player wondering if he's running out of time in his quest to become the first homegrown men's Wimbledon champion since Fred Perry

in 1936.
"Twe never hidden behind the fact that this is the tournament I'd love to win the most," Henman said. "The reality is that I don't have an endless number of years for chances."

Ancic is the last player to beat Federer at the All England Club — he did it in the first round in his Wimbledon debut in 2002.

Nicknamed "Super Mario," the 6-foot-5 Ancic is often compared with the 6-4 Ivanisevic, who retired last week after losing to

Hewitt in the third round.

Roddick and Ancic played each other for the first time last month.

with Roddick winning 7-6 (3), 4-6,

6-4 on grass at Queen's Club.
"I don't know what's in the water in Croatia, but it seems like every player is over 7 feet tall," Roddick said. "He's playing great on grass right now. He's serving really big. He's definitely going to

Grosjean, who swept Florian Mayer 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 and has not dropped a set, has been in three previous Grand Slam semifinals but never reached a final. Grosjean has a 2-1 record against Federer, but they haven't met

be tough

since 2001.
"He's a very tricky player to play against," Federer said. "He returns well, his first serve is very good and he moves well. This is a dangerous combination. He has a lot of weapons."

# Magic GM says team better off without McGrady

ORLANDO, Fla. - Orlando General Manager John Weisbrod took some parting shots Wednesday at Tracy McGrady, implying McGrady wasn't capable of leading a winning team.

"It starts with how you define a superstar." Weisbrod said. "I think a superstar is defined by wins, by making the players around him better and by making the team better. On that part, my perception is a little different than most.

McGrady was sent to Houston for guards Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley and forward Kelvin Cato on Tuesday. Orlando also parted with power forward Juwan Howard and guards Tyronn Lue

and Reece Gaines. McGrady was an All-Star in each of his

NBA briefs

averaging 28.1 points and quickly became the Magic's most popular player. But his behavior during last season's

61-loss season convinced Weishrod that McGrady was part of the problem.

Francis said it was obvious the Magic lost heart last season after an early 19-game losing streak. It was during the slide that McGrady - selected as the team captain in the offseason - startled the organization when he openly discussed quit-

Weisbrod said that by the All-Star break, it was clear McGrady wanted out. When McGrady told team owner Rich DeVos two weeks ago that he wanted to be traded to a contender, that made it easier to trade him

OAKLAND, Calif. - Golden State Warriors center Erick Dampier has opted out of his contract and become a free agent.

The 29-year-old Dampier is coming off the most productive season in his eight-year career. He averaged 12.3 points. 12.0 rebounds and 1.85 blocked shots in

321/2 minutes per game. Dampier ranked fourth in the league in rebounding and seventh with 42 double-doubles. He has hired a new agent,

Dan Fegan, in Los Angeles. The Warriors also hired former Atlanta Hawks coach Terry Stotts as an assistant on Mike Montgomery's staff.

Clippers make offer to Richardson LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles Clip-

tin Richardson on Wednesday, enabling them to match any offer the restricted free agent might receive.

Richardson averaged 17.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists — all career bests in 65 games for the Clippers last season Richardson, 24, will be eligible to talk with any team during the first two weeks of July. The Clippers would have 15 days to

## match any contract offer he receives. Raptors hire Pete Babcock

TORONTO - The Toronto Raptors hired former Atlanta Hawks general manager Pete Babcock on Wednesday to be their director of NBA player personnel.

Babcock, the brother of new Raptors General Manager Rob Babcock, will focus on free agents and trades.

## NHL's free agency offering bumper crop

Eric Lindros joined the free-agent market on Wednesday when the New York Rangers declined to pick up the \$10.25 million option in the oft-injured center's contract

When the hockey shopping season opened Thursday, the 31-year-old Lindros was free to sign with any club. It is unlikely that Lindros will return to the Rangers, with whom he played the nast three seasons after being traded by Philadelphia.

Clubs had until midnight EDT Wednesday to make qualifying offers to restricted free agents to keep their rights and prevent them from becoming unrestricted. Normally players need to be 31 before becoming unrestricted, but any not given qualifying offers are free to sign anywhere.

The Toronto Maple Leafs were busy on Wednesday, signing po-tential free agents Ed Belfour. Joe Nieuwendyk, Gary Roberts, and Aki Berg.

Belfour, Nieuwendyk and Roberts could have become unre-stricted free agents and Berg would have been restricted.

"These guys are integral contributors to our club and it's great to have them back for at least one more season," General Manager John Ferguson Jr. said

The market is expected to be slow with teams trying to slash payrolls in anticipation of a new fi-

nancial landscape in the NHL The league's collective bargaining agreement with the players as-



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- · Keep up-to-date on race standings

sociation expires Sept. 15, and a lockout that could threaten next season is a distinct possibility.

The NHL is seeking "cost certainty," which the union believes is a synonym for a salary cap — a solution the players association refuses to accept

The sides have met a handful of times since October, but no progress has been made on the key issues. The NHL wants to cut the percentage of revenue that goes toward player salaries.

The unrestricted free-agent class could include Alex Zhamnov and Mark Recchi, who helped lead Philadelphia to the Eastern Conference finals: Paul Kariya and Teemu Selanne, who after disappointing seasons in Colorado are back on the market; Dominik Hasek, Brett Hull, Brendan Shanahan and Steve Yzerman of Detroit: Alex Kovalev of Montreal and Peter Bondra of Ot-

Los Angeles made deals with two veterans Wednesday night. longtime fan favorite Luc Robitaille — who is in his third stint with the Kings — and defense-man Stephane Quintal, whose rights were acquired from Montreal last weekend.

"We are pleased that Luc has re-signed with the Kings," Gener-Manager Dave Taylor said. "He remains one of the most popular players ever to wear a Kings We hope that he eventually retires in a Kings uniform."

The Kings cut ties with for-wards Jason Allison, Adam Deadmarsh and Anson Carter by declining to make qualifying offers.

The St. Louis Blues made a \$9.5 million qualifying offer to defenseman Chris Pronger: New Jersey offered \$2.4 million to Jan Hrdina and Viktor Kozlov and \$3 million to Jeff Friesen

Boston took care of captain Joe Thornton with a qualifying offer as well as rookie goalie Andrew Raycroft and veterans Sergei Gonchar and Sergei Samsonov.

Ottawa didn't pick up Bondra's \$4.5 million option for next season. He will be an unrestricted free agent, but the Senators haven't ruled out re-signing the forward, who was acquired from Washington late last season



Defections leave Duke down, not out BY AARON BEARD focus on what we have," Krzyze-

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. Duke's season ended with a loss in the NCAA tournament's Final Four, the Blue Devils thought they would return a deep, talented roster that could contend for a national championship in 2005

Then freshman Luol Deng entered the NBA Draft. Star recruit Shaun Livingston followed without setting foot on campus as a student

The defections have left coach Mike Krzyzewski with one of his leanest rosters in recent memory after it looked as if he'd have a team that could win its fourth title since he's been at Duke.

"I don't think I'll have too many problems talking about playing time," the Hall of Fame coach joked Tuesday. "If you're not getting playing time this year, you're bad."

Still, he sounded eager to find the strategy and playing rotations that will help the Blue Devils reach their accustomed level of

"I don't focus on what we had. I

wski said. "My focus is on the next play, and that focus has got to be positive and exciting because that's what those kids de-

"I think we'll still be good. I don't know how good."

Duke (31-6) reached the Final Four for the 10th time in 19 seasons this year, losing to eventual champion Connecticut. But the Devils lost senior point guard Chris Duhon and Deng the team's No. 2 scorer at 15.1 points per game - from that

squad Then, Livingston, a 6-foot-7 point guard, entered the draft and was selected fourth by the Los An-

geles Clippers. Now, Duke heads into next season with just eight recruited play-

"I don't begrudge those kids because of the fact they're allowed to make decisions," Krzyzewski said of Deng and Livingston. "We're behind them. We tried to

help them as much as we could." The Blue Devils return key contributors in senior Daniel Ewing and juniors J.J. Redick, Shelden Williams, Shavlik Randolph and Sean Dockery. But they have several question marks after that.

Duke will have to fill the void at oint guard left by Duhon's departure and Livingston's decision to skip college. Dockery plays ag-gressive defense but is limited of fensively. He averaged just three points a game while shooting just 41 percent, including 3-for-25

from behind the three-point arc. Krzyzewski doesn't yet want to define roles for the team, saving that Ewing and incoming men DeMarcus Nelson could also shoulder some ballhandling duties. He also said the Blue Devils might play more zone defense to protect the 6-foot-9 Williams and the 6-10 Randolph, who provide a physical inside presence.

"Those are questions we have answer," Krzyzewski said. 'They have to have an answer before we actually start practice like, what will be the methods we use to teach the system we're going to have for this group?

"We're excited about our pros pects. We just have to make sure we stay healthy and don't get into foul trouble."



aun Livingston, left, and Luol Deng would have been teammates at Duke, but Deng left the school after his freshman year, and Livingston went straight from Central High School in Peoria, III., to the NBA.

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## **Bonds punishes Dodgers with three-run homer**

BY BETH HARRIS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers didn't get batters out ahead of Barry Bonds, and

he made them pay.

Bonds hit a three-run homer for his
1,300th career extra-base hit, Brett Tomko
came within two outs of his first major
league shutout and the San Francisco Giants defeated Los Angeles 7-1 Wednesday

"It just seems like he comes up every inning," Dodgers left fielder Dave Roberts said about Bonds.

It wasn't a one-man show

A.J. Pierzynski went 4-for-4 to tie his career high and had a two-run double, helping the first-place Giants increase their lead over San Diego in the NL West to 2½ games.

"I'm getting closer to where I thought I should've been at the beginning," said Pierzynski, in his first NL season after being traded from Minnesota. "I got some good pitches to hit."

Ray Durham and former Dodger Marquis Grissom also homered off Hideo Nomo, who has given up 16 homers this season, the most by a Dodgers pitcher.

"He's having trouble throwing his split-finger for strikes and that's the key," Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca said. "When you're getting behind guys and having to throw fastballs, you're going to get hurt. Barry made him pay, and so did Gripp. His arm strength is getting better and better, but mechanically, there's something that's just not right."

Asked if he's worried about being demoted to the bullpen, Nomo said, "I don't really think about that. I personally don't think my fastball has lost speed, but they've been hitting my fastball so it's easy to say that."
Bonds hit the first pitch he saw from

over San Diego in the NL West to 2½ games The Dodgers dropped 3½ games back. "I'm getting closer to where I thought!



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds is congratulated after hitting a three-run home run off of Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo in the third inning on Wednesday.

Nomo into the left-field pavilion in the third inning, giving San Francisco a 4-0 lead.

Durham singled and J.T. Snow walked to set up Bonds, who homered for the 20th time after being hit by a pitch his first time up.

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"He told me before the at-bat he was
going to go the other way," San Francisco
manager Felipe Alou said. "Then he told
me he didn't hit it good enough."

The Dodgers pitched to Bonds one night after walking him four times, including twice intentionally, in a 2-1 victory. He was 1-for-3 and scored two runs. He didn't talk to reporters after the game.

"When you don't get the guys in front of him [Bonds], and the guys behind him get base hits, there were just too many people in their lineup that were doing damage for that at-bat to have any significance whatsoever," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said of

Bonds' homer.

Tomko (3-4), in his second start since coming off the disabled list, allowed one run and seven hits, struck out six and walked two in 8<sup>1</sup>/s innings.

"Wins are better than shutouts," he said. He gave up three singles in the ninth, including Milton Bradley's run-scoring hit

up the middle on Tomko's 118th — and final — pitch.

"I'm just proud of Tomko," Pierzynski, said. "The way he's pitched since coming off the DL is spectacular. I can get all the looks in the world, but it doesn't mean much if he doesn't do that. I wanted him to finish the game, but it's hard to shut out a big league team."

Scott Eyre got one out before walking Juan Encarnacion to load the bases, but Jim Brower got pinch-hitter Jayson Werth to ground out to end it.

Tomko held the Dodgers to one run on three hits in six innings of a 9-3 win last

Thursday.

"It's tough to do that in back-to-back starts," he said. "If it works the first time,

why not have the same approach this time?"

The right-hander was out nearly two

weeks with right elbow inflammation.
"I'd been struggling trying to find it, throwing a lot," Tomko said. "Just figuring it out was a big thing. I feel good, I'm throwing

out was a big thing. I feel good, I'm throwing hard. This is how it was early in my career." Durham led off the game with his 29th career leadoff homer.

Grissom hit his 12th homer in the fifth, triggering a three-run inning that extended San Francisco's lead to 7-0. Pierzynski greeted Wilson Alvarez with his third hit of the game, a two-run double, after Deity Cruz chased Nomo with a two-out single.

Before the game, Tracy said he had no alternatives other than keeping Nomo in the starting rotation. Afterward, when asked about Nomo's status, Tracy said curtly, "We won't talk about that tonight."

Nomo (3-10) gave up seven runs on Nomo (3-10) gave up seven runs on career loss, and third straight to the Giants. The right-hander, who struck out five and walked two, was booed as he left the field. He's 0-9 in his past 10 starts since winning 9-4 at Colorado on Aoril 21.



# Error: Red Sox blow chance vs. Yankees

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Derek Jeter sacrificed Lofton to third, and he scored when Sheffield doubled down the third-base line on the 10th pitch of his at-bat against Timlin. Sheffield, playing with an aching shoulder, fouled off seven 0-2 pitches.

"It was just one of those battles," he said. "It seemed like we wanted it a little bit more."

Hideki Matsui added a two-out RBI single off Alan Embree, making it 4-2.

Yankees reliever Felix Heredia got the sellout crowd of 55,023 going in the seventh, escaping a bases-loaded, none-out jam by striking out Ortiz.

"David, man, he's been the MVP of this team and the league," Boston's Manny Ramirez said. "He's been picking us up all year long."

Ortiz had an RBI single in the first. Then he hit Jon Lieber's first pitch of the sixth over the right-center fence for his 21st homer, tied for the AL lead. He tops the league with 75 RBIs.

Tom Gordon (2-2) struck out two in a perfect eighth for the win, and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 30

"We had them where we wanted them," said an emotional



Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra made his second error in three games Wednesday.

Terry Francona, Boston's manager. "We had our chances to extend the lead. This is a tough one. It hurts."

Notes: The Red Sox, who made three errors in an 11-3 loss Tuesdaynight, have allowed 60 unearned runs, the most in the majors. ... Boston reliever Scott Williamson left in the seventh because of a strained right forearm.

# **Diamondbacks** enjoy a victory

## Arizona ends 11-game tailspin; overcomes errors with key hits

PHOENIX - The Arizona Diamondbacks won for the first time in almost two weeks, and their manager left no question as to where it ranked in his mind

"It was the most beautiful win I've ever seen." Bob Brenly said. Danny Bautista hit a go-ahead double in the seventh inning, and the Diamondbacks stopped their franchise-record losing streak at



games Wednesday night with an 8-5 victory over the San Diego Padres.

"We knew we weren't going to lose the rest of the way out, but to get this one tonight - especially with some of the miscues we had on the field — was nice," outfield-er Luis Gonzalez said. "So, hopefully, this is something we can build on

Chad Tracy had a three-run homer, Quinton McCracken hit a two-run drive and Gonzalez had a run-scoring double as Arizona rebounded from one-run deficits three times for its first victory since beating the New York Yankees 6-1 on June 17

"Coming from behind, that's where you get a lot of confi-dence," Bautista said.

The Diamondbacks overcame four errors, which matched their season high. Starter Brandon Webb and Stephen Randolph each threw a wild pitch, but Randolph (2-1) struck out two in the seventh Elmer Dessens pitched a score-

less eighth, and Mike Koplove got his first major league save.

"We made some mistakes to-night," Brenly said. "We threw the ball around a little bit, we walked some guys, we put ourselves into some jams, but we just kept coming back."

Arizona was trailing 5-4 in the seventh when Blaine Neal (0-1) walked Roberto Alomar, Steve Finley singled and Bautista lined a pitch on one hop to the wall in left-center. McCracken homered in the eighth.

Brian Giles tied a career high with five hits and drove in two runs for the Padres, who had won seven of eight.
Sean Burroughs, playing for

the first time after missing four games with shoulder tendinitis added an RBI single

"I was just disappointed we didn't win," Giles said. "These guys lost 11 or 12 in a row or whatever, so they were going to snap out of it, and tonight they got some big hits when they had to

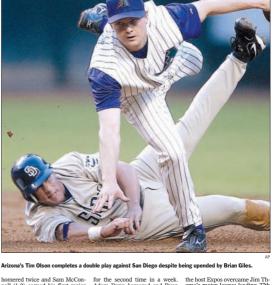
Pirates 6, Cardinals 5: Pinch-hitter Bobby Hill singled home the winning run in the ninth and Tike Redman had three RBIs in the Pirates' first home three-game sweep of the Cardinals in 15 years

Jose Mesa (2-0) blew his first save opportunity in 18 chances, but won his second of the series.

Astros 3. Cubs 2: In his fifth game since being traded to Houston, Carlos Beltran homered off LaTrov Hawkins (1-1) with two

outs in the top of the ninth. Roger Clemens' bid for his 11th victory was blown when Michael Barrett homered off Dan Miceli in the eighth, tying it 2-2.

Braves 9. Marlins 6: J.D. Drew



nell (1-0) earned his first major league victory in a game delayed 75 minutes by rain in the second

was the seventh career two-homer game for Drew - his first since Oct. 3, 2001 - and he tied a career high with five RBIs for the host Braves, who moved within 31/2 games of first in the NI. East. Florida and Philadelphia are tied for the top spot.

Reds 2. Mets 0: Corv Lidle (6-5) topped Tom Glavine (7-5) and shut down the visiting Mets Adam Dunn homered and Ryan Freel hit an RBI single off Glavine, whose 2.16 ERA is best in the majors.

Brewers 5, Rockies 4: Ben Sheets (7-5) struck out eight in seven-plus innings and Junior Spivey homered as visiting Milwaukee won its fourth straight. Colorado's Larry Walker got

his 2,000th career hit, a double in the fourth

Expos 6. Phillies 3: Juan Rivera hit a go-ahead RBI single with two outs in the eighth, and ome's major league-leading 27th

Tony Batista and Brad Wilkerson homered for Montreal, which was 0-37 when trailing after seven innings dating to Sept. 16.

Joe Horgan (1-0) got one out in the seventh for his first major league victory.
Thome's two-run homer in the

fifth off Zach Day was his 15th in June, tying a club record set by Cy Williams in 1923.

Thome also helped the Phillies set a franchise record for homers in a month with 44.

## White Sox welcome Garcia; he welcomes support

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Freddy Garcia's debut with the Chicago White Sox was far from great. Then again, it didn't need to be. Given plenty of run support by his new team, Garcia threw six in-

nings and beat the Minnesota Twins 9-6 on Wednesday night. Paul Konerko, Jose Valentin and Joe Crede backed him with home runs and the White Sox moved one game ahead of the Twins in the AL Central - two in

the loss column 'What a difference," said Garcia, acquired Sunday in a trade with Seattle to solidify Chicago's rotation for the playoff race. "We can hit and we can come back Everyone is excited to play.

Garcia (5-7) gave up seven hits and five runs - four earned while striking out a season-high nine. Aaron Rowand added a homer in the eighth for the White

Sox, who have won four straight overall and six of their last seven against Minnesota. The have been outscored 61-19 in those six defeats.

"This is a team we want to beat," Valentin said. "But we don't want to do this just against Minnesota. We want to do this against whoever we play."

Twins rookie Joe Mauer hit the second of his two homers off Shingo Takatsu with one out in the ninth, ending the scoreless streak of Japan's career saves leader at 262/3 innings. It was Mauer's first career two-homer game.

Brad Radke (4-4) allowed season highs in hits (11) and runs (eight) while striking out two in six-plus innings. He hasn't won in seven starts.

Cristian Guzman and Corey Koskie also homered for Minnesota. which lost its season-high fourth

Rangers 9, Mariners 6: At Seattle, Kenny Rogers (11-2) be-came the first 11-game winner in the major leagues, allowing three runs and six hits in five innings to win his seventh straight decision.

Hank Blalock hit his 21st homer, tying Boston's David Ortiz for the league lead and Francisco Cordero retired Randy Winn on a bases-loaded liner in the ninth for his 24th save Rookie Clint Nageotte (1-4) lost his third straight start.

Tigers 12. Indians 5: Ivan Rodriguez went 3-for-4, raising his major league-leading average to .381. He hit .500 (43-for-86) in June, and became the first major leaguer to hit .500 for a month since Colorado's Todd Helton in May 2000.

The host Tigers overcame a 3-0 deficit and have won six straight for the first time since May 2002.

Nate Robertson (7-3) improved to 5-0 in his last eight starts, striking out eight while allowing three runs in seven innings. Jason Davis (2-6) allowed

seven runs and 12 hits in 51/3 in-

Athletics 4, Angels 2: Marco Scutaro hit a tiebreaking two-run single off Scot Shields (5-2) in the eighth. Chad Bradford (4-4) pitched

two-thirds of an inning and Octavio Dotel worked the ninth for his second save since he was acquired last Thursday. Visiting Anaheim has lost three straight.

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 2: Rey Sanchez hit his first over-the-wall homer since April 30, 2002, just his 15th in 4,684 career at-bats.

The three-run shot came off

Josh Towers (2-3), who allowed six runs and 11 hits in 42/3 in-

Dewon Brazelton (2-0) gave up five hits in five shutout innings in his first start since taking a no-hit bid into the eighth against Florida last Friday. At 38-37, the host Devil Rays moved over .500 at the latest point in a season in fran-

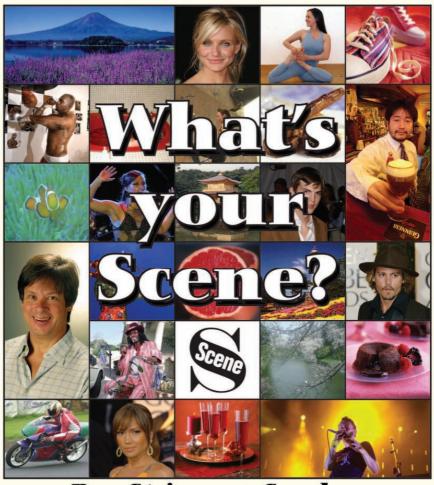
Orioles 13, Royals 4: Newly promoted Chad Mottola hit his first major league homer since 1996, a drive off Brian Anderson

Miguel Tejada and David Newhan also homered to help visiting Baltimore match its season high for runs.

Javy Lopez was 4-for-4 and Melvin Mora, who had missed 10 games with a foot injury, raised his average to .357 with two hits.

Daniel Cabrera (5-3) gave up three runs and three hits in seven

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# **Boston blunders away victory**

## Ortiz, Garciaparra errors help Yanks close in on sweep

By MIKE FITZPATRICE

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NEW YORK — David Ortiz gave Boston a two-run lead. Then he gave it away.

Ortiz made a crucial error that allowed New York to tie it in the seventh inning Wednesday night, and Gary Sheffield's RBI double in the eighth sent the Yankees

RBI double in the eighth sent the Yankees to a 4-2 victory over the Red Sox. "We should've won the game," said

Ortiz, who homered and drove in two runs.

With the bases loaded and two outs in the seventh, Tony Clark hit a sharp grounder off Wike Timlin (4.3) to Ortiz at first

But the ball squirted through him into shallow right field, allowing two runs to score

Ortiz's gaffe was reminiscent of a big miscue by another Red Sox first baseman. Though this New York setting was far less dramatic than when Bill Buckner made his infamous error in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series, the play was eerily similar. Across town at Shea Stadium, it was Buckner who allowed Mookie Wilson's 10th-inning grounder to go through his legs, giving the Mets a 6-5 victory. Two nights later, New York won the World Series, keeping Boston without a title since

After the play, Ortiz headed toward the dugout for a new glove.

dugout for a new glove.

Turns out, Clark's grounder slipped

right through the webbing of the other one.
"I thought I had it. I was starting to go to
first base, and I saw the ball missing. My
glove was kind of soft. Maybe that's why it
went through," Ortiz said.

He wasn't even supposed to be out there, either.

Ortiz was the designated hitter in Boston's original lineup, but he was switched to first base before the first pitch because Trot Nixon had a tight quadriceps.

Nixon moved from right field to DH. "That kind of stuff seems to happen a lot to us, especially when we're playing the Yankees," Johnny Damon said. "Every single loss is just magnified right now." The Yankees have won the first two games of the series to open a season-high 7½-game lead over the Red Sox in the AL East. New York will go for a sweep Thursday night against Pedro Martinez.

"You don't demoralize good teams, and they're a good ballclub," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "They'll come back."

Making his first appearance at Yankee Stadium since giving up Aaron Boone's pennant-winning homer in Game 7 of the AL championship series last year, Tim Wakefield shut down New York on three hits for 6'15 innings.

After a walk and a hit batsman, he left with a 2-0 lead — but Boston's defense let him down.

"In the seventh inning, the wheels kind of fell off," Wakefield said.

Kenny Lofton led off the eighth with an infield single and went to second when shortstop Nomar Garciaparra threw wildly for his third error in two games.

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Boston Red Sox first baseman David Ortiz holds his glove after making a costly seventh inning error on Wednesday.



Maria Sharapova came from behind to defeat Lindsay Davenport 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1 during their semifinal match at Wimbledon on Thursday. Sharapova will meet defending champion Serena Williams, who beat Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-4, in the final. See story on Page 30.



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